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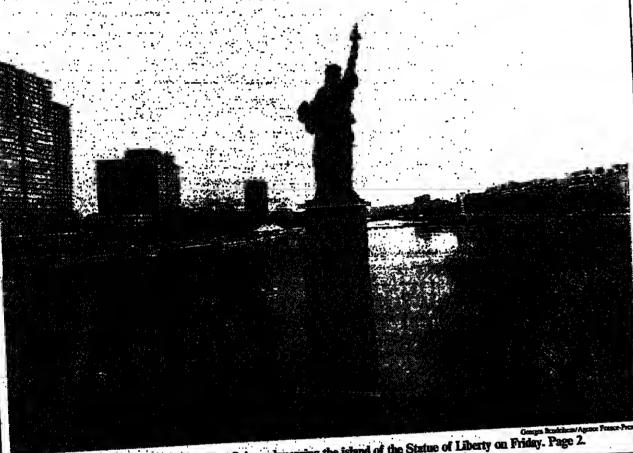
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HIGH FLAMES IN SYDNEY — A suburbun resident hosing down a roof as firestorms flared 10 kilometers from the city center.



HIGH WATER IN PARIS — The swelling Scine submerging the island of the Statue of Liberty on Friday. Page 2.

Time for Allies to Take The Measure of Clinton

Europeans Search for Fresh Signs Of a Commitment to Their Security

By William Drozdiak

BRUSSELS — When Bill Clinton strides into NATO's headquarters here on Monday to attend his first meeting of alliance leaders, he will be subjected to greater scrutiny by his European peers than perhaps any other Ameri-can president since World War II.

At a time when deep recession and the dark forces of nationalism have plunged Europe into a crisis of confidence, the allies are desperately searching for signs of renewed commitment that the United States will remain intimately included in the Confidence of the C involved in the Continent's security and no: retreat to the safety of its shores an ocean away. For the last year, Mr. Clinton's neglect of

For the last year, Mr. Clinton's neglect of Europe confirmed suspicions among America's Cold War allies that, with the passing of the Soviet threat, the United States had started looking elsewhere to shore up its strategic interests. The administration's emphasis on domestic reform, its fitration with Asia and its repudiation of a "Eurocentric" past contributed to fears, in both East and West, of American abandonment.

Mr. Clinton's handling of the Balkan conflict also convinced many Europeans that the United States was pulling back from its oominant role in preserving continental stability.

For the first time since the alliance was founded, the United States refused to take the lead in coping with a threat to European security. After proclaiming that Serbian aggressica could not be tolerated, Mr. Clinton changed tack and averred that the Bosnian war was

"Many of us have come in realize that the "Many of its have come in realize that the strategic decoupling we long feared might happen has, in fart, already taken place," said Pierre Lellouche, a Gaullist deputy and diplomatic adviser to the French presidential hopeful Jacques Chirac. "Even if some American troops stay behind, Europe has basically been left alone to face the turbulence of the 1990s."

Other Furthern analysts see a growing aver-

Other European analysis see a growing aversion to commit American lives to the Continent's defense after triumph in the Gulf War and quagmire in Somalia imbued U.S. voters and policymakers alike with a disdain for any foreign military adventures that are not "zero

"Americans respond well in grand visions dead" wars. and clearly defined dangers, such as those pre-vailing during the Cold War, said Jonathan Eval, director of studies at the Royal United

Services Institute, in London, The United States, however, is ill-equipped to deal with the much more ambiguous challenges of today's Europe," he said, "For a country created by people who chose to leave their nationalism behind, ethnic and territorial disputes are regarded as diseases of the past. proplems artificially encouraged by unscrupu-

Recognizing the need in restore faith among the alies, the Clinton administration's foreign policy architects have vowed to make 1994 the

Besides this trip, Mr. Clinton is scheduled to visit. Europe three more times this year: to See CLINTON, Page 4

Message to the Continent: **Keep the Common Cause**

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON - On the eve of their departure for Europe, senior aides to President Bill Clinton emphasized Friday that Washing-ton intended to stay fully engaged in Europe's security and warned that disumity and even war in the resign remained a "common threat" in the region remained a "common threat."

W. Anthony Lake, Mr. Clinton's national security adviser, said in an interview with European journalists that the summit meetings in Moscow and elsewhere come at "a moment of extra importance" and present

"huge choices" about Europe's future. Washington intends to do all it can, he added, to foster full European "integration" — economic, military and political — in part to prevent the potential for European disintegra-

For their part, European leaders must con-tinue to closely coordinate their efforts and work with the United States, and they will probably he compelled to do so because of a new "common threat" in Europe, Mr. Lake said in the interview at the White House.

The former threat from the Soviet bloc has been replaced, he said, by the threat of "a Europe five or 10 years from now that is divided

and potentially at war with itself again," a Europe ia which democracy has not flourished and one that is economically split.

This potential, he said, is "every bit as important" as the former threat from the Soviet Union, and European-American cooperation is vital to keep it at bay.

He made no allusion to Russia as a security threat in Europe. Rather, Mr. Lake said he was "quite confident" that Russian foreign policy would "remain responsible."

Although Mr. Clinton will seek at the NATO summit meeting on Monday to reality ington's intention of remaining engaged in European security, there are obvious limits. Washington continues to draw down the level of its military forces in Europe, is cutting overall defense spending and envisions joint task forces within NATO that will include no U.S.

Mr. Lake said be hoped for quick progress on the full withdrawal of Russian troops from the Baltic states and on efforts to bring Ukraine into compliance with treaties aimed at reducing the threat from nuclear weapons. Talks on

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When the Wall Crumbled, So Did Berlin's Self-Confidence

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service ...

BERLIN - Poised to become a major political and financial center of the 21st century, Berlin is nonetheless

financial center of the 21st century, Berlin is nonetheless gripped by uncertainty and insecurity.

For nearly 50 years, life in Berlin has been predictable and, in the West, very good indeed. Eager to make West Berlin an attractive place to live, the old West German government gave its residents special concessions, ringing from tax credits to cheap theater tickets to a blanket exemption from the resilient deaft. Tourists, filled the city. from tax credits to cheap theater tickets to a bianket exemption from the military draft. Tourists filled the city, year to most families here are being reduced, and will be needing no advertising to draw them to a place where they gone by the end of 1994. The city budget is being slashed,

Optimism about the outlook for China and

India, however, could be upset if either experi-ences prolonged trade conflict with the West or

serious social-political turmoil at home, ana-

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could see the division of the world on a half-day bus tour. But when the Berlin Wall came down four years ago, much of what made the city so unusual crumbled with it. Berlin is no longer a brave island of freedom surrounded by -a totalitarian sea, its fate intimately tied to that of democracy around the world. It is instead just another European

metropolis, one with a rich history to be sure, but one that must now compete and make its own way like any other. Bad news has been assaulting Berliners from various quarters. Federal tex credits that meant more than \$1,000 a

forcing institutions like the long-sacred Schiller Theater in close. Several large corporations have reduced or ended their Berlin operations, moving thousands of jobs to points east. In addition, the reunified and freely accessible Berlin has become the refer the problems that force the state of the problems that force the state of the stat begun to suffer the problems that face most big cities. Rising crime, dirty streets, graffiti and traffic jams are croding the pride that Berliners have traditionally felt in their city.

Many here are also unnerved by the prospect that the last
Western forces are to be withdrawn from Berlin this year. Two generations of Berliners have grown up with the West-ern troopers and now look back nostalgically on the sense of safety they provided. Facing a Europe increasingly troubled

nonstrated against the troops are not entirely happy that they are finally leaving.

"Berlin has a lot of problems, including many which can't be understood by outsiders," said Wilfried Mühlhausen, who runs an advertising agency here. "Until Berlin is happy with itself again, it won't be able in project a positive

Perhaps the sharpest recent blow to Berlin's self-confi-dence was the defeat the city suffered in its bid for the

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Kiosk Inkatha to Shun

All-Race Election DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters) -South Africa's Zulti-based Inkatha Free-

dom Party said Friday that it would not take part in the country's first all-race elections, in April, but left the door open to further negotiations.

Inkatha said it would reconsider its boy-

cott if its demands for greater regional powers and fiscal autonomy were met by the South African government and its rivals, the African National Congress.

In Monday's Trib:

Up and Coming // An occusional series about the leaders of tomorrow.

Dominique Vingtain, curator of Avignon's papal palace, is at 31 one of the youngest people hold such a senior position in France's cultural establishment.

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The designer Jean Muir, the new Master of the Royal Society of Arts, is passionate about her role of building bridges between art and industry.

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U.S. Proposes Poland Host Joint NATO **Maneuvers**

Partnership Is Endorsed By Defense Ministers of 4 East European States

By David B. Ottaway

Warhington Post Service
WARSAW — The United States proposed Friday that NATO and Polish forces conduct joint military exercises in Poland this year as defense ministers of four East European nations formally endorsed the Partnership for Peace proposal for a start on military coopera-

In a meeting with President Lech Walesa of Poland, General John M. Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was ready to hold such exercises as a concrete illustration of its readiness to begin building a new military relationship immediately with the countries of Eastern Europe, according to U.S. officials. It was not immediately clear bow Russia

might react to the possibility of having NATO forces conducting military exercises in a neigh-boring country with troops that for 45 years were a part of the old Soviet-dominated War-

General Shalikashvili said he was prepared to make the same offer to any other East European country that signed on to the U.S.-initiated Partnership for Peace plan. NATO is expected to formally endorse the Partnership 2 its summit meeting in Brussels on Monday and

The plan offers East European countries a cooperative link in NATO but not full member-

After a day of talks here with Polish and After a day of talks here with Polish and other East European officials, the Clinton administration's two special envoys, General Shalikashvili and Madeleine K. Albright, the chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations, expressed new optimism that the much-criticized plan

new optimism that the mucaperintered plant was gaining general support.

"I remain optimistic that Poland will become a very active member of the Partnership for Peace," the general said,

Mrs. Albright added that it was no longer "a question of whether, but of when and how"

Poland and other East European nations would agree to the proposal.

General Shalikashvili stressed that those

countries willing to participate in the Partnership would be those most likely to be considered eventually for full NATO membership. President Bill Clinton sent the two envoys to

lobby for the proposal after it became cle many East European leaders were deeply skeptical that it had any real substance and were upset that it fell far short of offering them any security guarantees.

Carefully choosing their words, the two U.S.

envoys said that the security of Poland was of direct and material interest" in the United States, although they were unable in answer questions from Polish reporters as to what American officials said the defense ministers precisely this meant.

from Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, who met with the two Clinton administration officials Friday, had made it clear that they were ready to sign on to the Partnership plan if only because they had no other choice Their general feeling, according to these offibefore them.

cials, was that the plan had at least met their minimum needs even if it fell far short of their wish to become full NATO members.

The defense ministers issued a joint communique saying the Partnership was "a step in the right direction, favorable to the idea of multilateral security, and leads to a broadening of cooperation between NATO and the states of central Eastern Europe." But they also insisted that the plan, providing

for a series of bilateral accords for progressively closer military cooperation, "must lead in full

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Viacom to Merge With Ally in Bid For Paramount

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribute
NEW YORK — With hours to spare before the deadline, Viacom Inc. put together an \$8.4 billion merger to stay in the bidding for the entertainment giant Paramount Communica-tions Inc., in Wall Street's biggest and most dramatic takeover battle since the merger mania of the 1980s.

In order to increase his financial muscle in this fight for an entry on the almost mythical information superhighway, Viacom's chair-man, Sumner Redstone, announced a plan to merge his cable company with Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., a nationwide chain of video stores. Viacom owns the phenomenally successul music channel MTV, which has invaded the airwaves worldwide.

Mr. Redstone, who has said it would take a "nuclear attack" to prevent him from acquiring Paramount in this battle of big business egos, said he now would be able to offer cash worth \$105 a share for Paramount and stock for the

rest.

If the fine print supports his calculations, this will be a knockout bid against QVC Network will be a knockout bid against QVC Network built from Inc., a home-shopping network built from scratch within a few years by Barry Diller, Mr. Diller extended Fox Network for Rupert Murdoch and used to work for Paramount until he quarreled with its chairman, Martin Davis. The Paramount board has 10 business days to think about it and await another counteroffer. The original Diller bid, backed by the region-

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By Michael Richardson news that the United States would slash import International Herold Tribune news that the United States would slash import quotas for Chinese textiles. Nearly all other Asian markets, hurt by profit-taking after recent steep gains, numbled along with Hong Kong on Friday. (Page 9) But most analysts sand that bullishness about regional growth prospects was undimmed. "It's not that I have any major worties about these economies," said Nick Knight, an equity strategist for Normara Securities Co., which this week advised clients to cut their holdings of SINGAPORE — Increasingly open economies in China and India will force smaller As they grow, these markets are "reaching threshold levels which spur sharp increases in countries in Asia to accelerate the pace of their demand for a whole range of middle class goods and services," said Manu Bhaskaran, liberalization and develop closer economic links with the two regional giants to stay competitive and take maximum advantage of

week advised clients to can their holdings of Hong Kong stocks, and quir the Malaysian and Philippine stock markets altogether, "It's just

that after strong gains, market valuations are beginning to look stretched." Unlike most other Asian countries, China second consecutive day Friday as foreign inves-tors sold on worries about China's stability and and India, with combined population of more than 2 billion, have huge domestic markets.

economic research director of Crosby Securities Since a major part of the future reform pro-Ptc. in Singapore. gram in China and India would involve deeper cuts in trade barriers, liberalization of financial markets and freeing of currencies, he said that

China and India Are Towing Regional Economies Along demand for goods and services from other regional countries would rise.

China's rapid growth since it started in open its economy in 1979 has already stimulated trade and investment from Southeast Asia. Exports from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand to China nearly doubled in the five years to 1992, when they totaled more than \$18 billion.

Investments from these countries in China rose to \$2.3 billion in 1992, up from \$332

million the year before. Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia,

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porters she could not understand why anyone

would want to hart her.
"I'm O.K." she said. "I'm upset and angry

Hong Kong stock prices phanged for the Attack May Force Skater From Olympics UP 0.87% DETROIT—Nancy Kerrigan, the U.S. figure skating champion, withdrew from the national championships Friday after having been hit in the knee by an assailant, and officials said it was not known whether she would be able to Compiled by Our Staff From Disputch 112.36 1.7446 1 48 13 112.60 compete in the 1994 Winter Olympics next

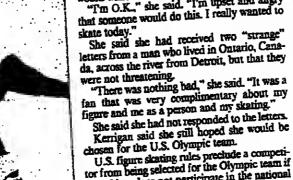
Severely bimsed Thursday night; Kerrigan's right knee worsened overnight and doctors who drained blood from it Friday morning decided that skating might cause further injury.

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The decision "was based on pain in her right knee, even after the doctor used a local anesthetic to numb the knee." Dr. Mahlon Bradley



Laner, Kernigan, her voice breaking, told re- Nancy Kerrigan at the 1992 Olympics.



U.S. figure skaring rules preclude a competi-tor from being selected for the Olympic team if the athlete does not participate in the national See SKATER, Page 17

Expulsions Of Iranians By France **Anger Swiss**

By Robert L. Kroon GENEVA - Swiss officials on Friday described as "wholly inade-

quate" France's explanation for its decision to expel to Tehran two Iranians wanted on murder charges in Switzerland.

In an unusually vehement reac-tion, the Swiss justice minister, Arnoid Koller, the "arer and disappointment" at France's decision to send the suspects, Mohsen Sharif Esfahani and Ahmed Taheri, home "despite a formal promise of extradition to Switzerland."

The two branians, arrested at Bern's request in Paris in 1992, were wanted by Switzerland for the 1990 murder in Geneva of an Iranian dissident, Kazem Rajavi. Mr. Rajavi was the brother of Massoud Rajavi, who heads the Iranian op-position group Mujahidin Khalq, which is based in Iraq.

Rejecting French arguments that the expulsions were made in its "national interest," Mr. Koller told the Swiss oewspaper Nouveau Ouotidien that this explanation came as a regrettable surprise, is totally inadequate and undermines the credibility of the European Convention for the repression of terrorism.

"I hope that other states will not follow the French example," he said. This case must remain the exception, or the fight against terrorism will be compromise

Mr. Koller noted that Switzerland had acceded to French requests for the extradition of Iranian nationals suspected of killing a former Iranian prime minister, Sbabpour Bakhtiar, "despite threats from Tehran." He hinted that in the latest action, the French had made the expulsions out of fear

of Iranian reprisals.
"Despite certain risks for its officials and population," he said, "I believe a state of law should confront terrorists and bring them to

This is a very regrettable matter and I was very surprised and angry when I was informed of the French government decision.

■ No Pressure, France Says Foreign Minister Alain Juppé of France denied that the government had given in to pressure when it sent home the two Iranian suspects, Reuters reported Friday.

But, like other members of the government, he refused to explain why Prime Minister Edouard Balladur discounted Switzerland's extradition request and released the two from prison.

In Washington, the State Department weighed in on the dis-pute, saying that the United States did not understand France's decision and was seeking an explana-

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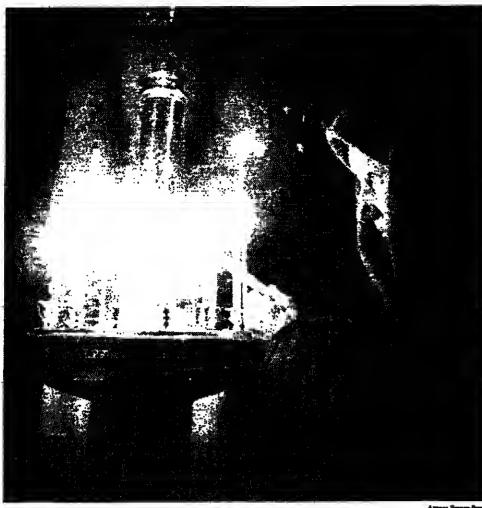
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A woman lighting a candle in a Moscow church Friday to celebrate the Russian Orthodox Christmas.

Disarray at the Top in Moscow

Policy Issues in Limbo as Yeltsin Weighs Election Fallout

By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

MOSCOW — The Russian Orthodox Christmas was on Friday, and with President Bill Clinton's visit oext week, oot to mention the opening of a oew and volatile Parliament next Tuesday, this hardly seems the time in move the government of Russia.

But in a show of unaccustomed efficiency, moving vans this week pulled up at the back of the old Russian parliament building — again living up in its White House nickname after being blackened by fire in October when it was shelled by army tanks --- so Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin and his cabinet could set up shop in time for the new political season.

The building, damaged when President Boris N, Yeltsin ordered the army in rout defiant hard-liners inside, was repaired on a crash schedule by a crew of 5,000 workers, 2,000 of them Turks, at a reported cost of \$60 million. Work on the building's six-story base is complete, and the blasted, partly gutted 14-story tow-er is scheduled to be finished by Feb. 15.

But even as it occupies its freshly renovated premises, the Russian government is showing signs of cootinued confusion and ambiguity about its policies

This week, Mr. Yeltsin sent back for reworking a proposed government reorganization plan, and the news media is full of rumors and speculation about a shuffling of ministerial portfolios.

In the last few days, supporters of Yegor T. Gaidar, a first deputy prime minister, and his dwindling team of reform-minded ministers have grown increasingly pessimistic as reports of the possible demotion of Mr. Gaidar and his colleagues filter through the Moscow rumor mill. Particular attention has focused on Finance Minister Boris G. Fyodorov, who even more than Mr. Gaidar has become the point man for a

policy of tight money and controlled budget deficits designed to cool Russia's inflationary spiral.

Mr. Chernomyrdin has alternately spiral Mr. Gaidar and blamed him for the country's economic woes, many of which piled up during the year that Mr. Gaidar was out of government. On Wednesday, Mr. Chernomyrdin declared that the era of "shock references" in Pursic page country. forms" in Russia was over.

The Moscow daily Izvestia speculated that the source of this ambivalence is the government's continuing uncertainty over how to read the results of the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections, in which the ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky and the Communis

Party mounted strong challenges.

No final decision on the course of policy can be decided, the paper concluded, until the government figures out whether pro-government parties did poorly because of splits in its ranks, because of a poorly organized election campaign, or because of wrongeaded ecocomic policies.

There are several issues at stake, of which the future of economic reform is only one. Another is the relationship of the government to the new parliament, which will include a sizable anti-Yeltsin faction.

"Anxiety Crisis' in Moscow, Nunn Says

Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia, said after a four-day Russia trip that many Russians feared Mr. Yeltsin's economic reforms because their initial experiences with capitalism had convinced them that it is like "the law of the jungle," The Associated Press

Mr. Nunn said that much of Russia was suffering from "an anxiety attack crisis." "They believe that market reform has no human

face," he said. "They don't see any kind of safety net

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It's All Uphill For German Resort After Racist Attack

By Brandon Mitchener

OBERHOF, Germany — When athletes from 25 nations converge on this quiet East German winter sports capital for a World Cup luge competition next week, local officials pray the only excitement will

Subjected to intense scrutiny since a racially motivated attack on members of the U.S. luge team in October, Oberhof has taken pains to ensure that such an attack will not be repeated.

Mayor Hartmut Göbel said town officials "know Oberhof will be erased from all the tourist maps" if there is a recurrence of the violence. "To some extent it is impossible to prevent these incidents, but we're trying to show the world we're coming to terms with the

Oberhof's efforts provide a model for other towns in Eastern Germany, which is increasingly dependent on tourism as its tradi-tional manufacturing industries shrivel, and can ill afford the ad-

werse publicity of xenophobic gangs.

Skinheads have been banned from local night spots and police cars, a rare sight before, now patrol the town full time. The police presence will be increased for the World Cup competition, according to Ursula Gabriel, spokeswoman for the district police command in

But Oberhof wants to avoid an oppressive police presence, which attracts rabble-rousers just as much as it keeps the peace, according to Mr. Göbel. "We think moral persuasion is more effective than

Oberhof, located about 140 kilometers (85 miles) southwest of Oberhof, located about 140 kilometers (85 miles) southwest of Leipzig amid the rolling hills of Thuringia, is in Eastern Germany's premier winter sports zone and is almost entirely dependent on tourism, including frequent international competitions. Its 2,400 residents barely outnumber its 2,250 guest beds.

About 120,000 tourists visited Oberhof last year, which made it one of the most visited areas in Thuringia, where three in four workers have lost or changed jobs in the three years of industrial collapse following German reunification.

The October attack outside the Kurparkklause, an Oberhof bar, was the first reported against an American citizen since the two Germanys unified in 1990.

The incident was particularly disturbing to locals because it was

The incident was particularly disturbing to locals because it was instigated by 15 rowdy skinheads from Suhl, a depressed industrial city 10 kilometers away. The skinheads taunted Robert Pipkins, 20, a "black member of the American luge team, and then kicked and punched as white teammate, Duncan Kennedy, 26, after he complement and tried to protect Mr. Fiching plained and tried to protect Mr. Pipkins.

Mr. Kennedy, one of the stars of the U.S. team, and Mr. Pipkins are expected to return for the competition, which runs Jan. 13 to 16.
United States Olympic Committee officials said Friday that security for the team would be increased.

Ironically, the bar has become a tourist attraction itself, mostly for West Germans passing through town, the mayor noted wryly.

Nine skinheads involved in the attack will be charged with grievous bodily harm, prosecutors announced this week. A separate trial for the two leaders of the attack, a 16-year-old and a 21-year-old, begins Jan. 17 in Suhl. If convicted, the two could face up to five

Mr. Göbel said all of Eastern Germany is showing an ominous inclination toward extreme-right ideology, which regard foreigners as competitors for scarce jobs.

At least five of the youths arrested in the attack come from families in which one or both parents have lost their jobs since German reunification. Hartmut Werner, a local resident who lost his job at the sports complex when its staff was halved and now runs a tourist service,

described Oberhof — and by association the rest of Eastern Germany — as a paradise lost. Because of the growing discontent, "We'll probably never again have the kind of peace we were used to," he "We had two successive dictatorships in Eastern Germany," said

Mr. Göbel, referring to Hitler and the postwar Communist government, "People here never lived under freedom. That sticks in the psyche, and we're just now learning how to balance democratic rights and responsibilities."

and they're very fearful of what they perceive to be the BERLIN: Crumbling Self-Esteem

FRANKFURTIWIESBADEN: (06128) 72109. ment of reunification but never GENEVA/SERN: (022) 7741596, Next meeting: 23 Jan., Bern @ 11. a.m. seemed to take flight. Its failure was taken as a warning that Berlin HEIDELBERG: (06221) 78-2001 or (0621) can no longer prosper simply by being Berlin, but must find a new

> The nature of that identity seemed gloriously clear when parliament in Bonn voted in 1991 to move the national capital back to Berlin, its traditional home. But the move has been impeded by a band of West German lobbyists and politicians, still horrified at the idea of moving from their isolated and squeaky-clean enclave oo the

Rhine to the urban bustle of Berlin. Some Berliners even fear that the capital may never be moved. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet recently decided, after much equivocating, in complete the move to Berlin by the end of the century.

pected next week. "There is a serious lobby in Bonn

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Continued from Page 1 trying to undercut the move," said Wolfgang Thierse, a legislator from Eastern Berlin.

Most specialists doubt that the decision to move the capital to Berlin will be reversed. Nonetheless. move and the evident lack of enthosiasm felt by many German leaders has depressed spirits here.

Delays in planning the move have also led a number of foreign

investors to withdraw or postpone their plans for Berlin. Mark Palmer, an American who is helping to develop a \$1 billion business center here, complained on a recent visit to Bonn that the delays suggest that German leaders "have lost control of this nation's future to the bureancrats and special interests.

"Berlin is 100 kilometers from the Polish border," Mr. Palmer said. "Restoring it as the capital is seen by Germans and East Europeans as a litmus test of Germany's seriousness about reunification of your own nation and the two halves of Europe."

ment. One columnist recently suggested that Berlin adopt as its new slogan, "Everyone for himself and all against Bonn."

There is much to suggest that

Berlin's future is bright. Nonetheless, the public mood in many quarters is somber.

"The wall is gone and the city is united, but other than that, not much has changed, and that's the problem," the newspaper Tagesspiegel said in a front-page com-mentary recently.

Western Europe on Friday, disrupting travel and forcing hundreds in France, a storm that dumped a month's rain in 24 hours couched off blackouts and washed away a car with a child trapped

Rising rivers put many towns on alert Friday in southern France.

ng in a century. Roads in southeastern France were closed, and authorities urged people to stay at home.

The storm that swept in Thursday from the Mediterranean dumped as much as 200 millimeters (7.8 inches) in 24 hours in some

Near Carpentras, 550 kilometers (330 miles) southeast of Paris, a raging river carried away a car with a 12-year-old boy aboard after his mother, who was driving him to school, escaped, officials said.

Heavy snow caused a transformer to catch fire, cutting off power Friday morning to 80,000 people in the Forez area west of Lyon, 460 kilometers southeast of Paris. In the southern Alpes-Maritimes region, 3,000 people lost power because of an avalanche.

One man died in London after driving his car into a canal during an overnight snowstorm.

Craig R. Whitney of The New York Times reported from Bonn: Two weeks after the worst floods along the Rhine River this

The river crested at 54 feet above sea level then, and began receding in Bonn on Christmas Day. But continuing heavy ra downstream ever since caused it to start rising again at the turn of the year, and it is now only about three feet below where it was at

On Friday, the Rhine promenade and low-lying fields along the

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assault or rob them. The victim's companion, Sydney Graves, 42, also of Aberdeen, who was knocking on a neighbor's door at the time, was unburt. The two men had been drinking Thursday when they met two Houston residents at a country and western bar, then went to the home of one of the residents.

WORLD BRIEFS

Tourist Seeking Aid Is Slain in Texas

HOUSTON (Renters) — A Scotsman, apparently mistaken for a burglar, was shot and killed early Friday after banging on the back door

Later, as they were being driven to a hotel by their new acque they fled the vehicle after fearing they might be harmed. Kohl Coalition Split on Presidency

BONN (AFP) - The governing coalition of Chancellor Helmus Kohl is divided, analysis said, over who to put forward as caudidate for the German presidency, dimming its prospects at the start of a year of crucial regional and national elections.

At a meeting of Bavaria's Christian Social Union, the party chief and finance minister, Theo Waigel, announced Thursday that Mr. Kohl had agreed that the president of the constitutional court, Roman Hezzog, 59, should be their candidate to succeed President Richard von Weizsäcker. Mr. Herzog's name had been very camiously advanced following a debacle over Mr. Kohi's own candidate, Steffen Heitmann, who was forced to withdraw over rightist statements he had made.

But the same day at a party meeting of their own, the liberal Free Democrats, the minority partner in Mr. Kohl's coalition, decided to stick by its own candidate, Hildegard Hamm-Brücher, 73.

Kabul Factions Call One-Day Truce

KABUL (AP) — Warring factions agreed Friday to a one-day cease-fire after six days of fighting in the Afghamstan capital that has left 3,000 wounded and hundreds feared dead.

wounded and hundreds feared dead.

President Burhanuddin Rabbana's government said all the main Islamic factions had agreed to the truce, which was to begin at 6 A.M. There was only sporadic fighting Friday, and thousands of residents used the hill to escape to safer parts of Kabul or flee the city altogether.

But the truce is expected to be only temporary. It is designed to allow the wounded to travel safely to hospitals and permit civilians and diplomats to move away from the battle zones.

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (Reuters) — Sporadic fighting continued as peasant guerrillas and army treops jockeyed for position Friday in the southeastern jungles. Rebel units were heading higher into the mountains to evade bombing raids and artillery fire. More than 100 people have been killed since the Zapatista National Liberation Army launched a rebellion against the government a week ago. Meanwhile, the rebel group claimed responsibility for blowing up two 400-kilowatt power lines in the southern states of Puebla and Michoacán and pledged to spread such actions to Mexico City.

Government planes have fired rockets and dropped small bombs for three straight days at suspected rebel positions outside San Cristobal de las Casas, in Chiapas state, forcing hundreds of civilians to flee.

Sporadic Clashes Continue in Mexico

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (Reuters) - Sporadic

Warsaw Tightens Copyright Laws WARSAW (AP) - A copyright law intended to climinate piracy of

WARSAW (AP) — A copyright law intended to eliminate piracy of intellectual property was approved by parliament Friday, apparently ending an era in which Poland has been one of the world's few havens for "pirates" who illegally copy books and other intellectual property. Poland loses an estimated \$25 million a year in impaid taxes due to illegal distribution of films and recordings. The U.S.-based International Intellectual Property Alliance estimated American losses due to inauthorized copying and distribution of films and music cassettes in Poland at \$140 million, while other U.S. sources put the figure at \$190 million. The new law still must be approved by the senate and by President Lech Walesa. It replaces the copyright law of 1926, amended in 1952, which mainly protected authors. The new law covers all forms of artistic which mainly protected authors. The new law covers all forms of artistic and intellectual property - including books, television, video films and computer software—at all stages of creation. It also extends the author's rights from 25 to 50 years after death.

TRAVEL UPDATE

A barge loaded with 1.5 million gallons of diesel oil struck a reef off San Juan on Friday, spilling fuel on beaches on the Atlantic coast of the Puerto Rican capital. It blackened Escambron Beach in San Juan's Puerta de Tierra section and a beach of the Caribe Hilton. Currents

moved the spill, with a powerful steach, west toward Old San Juan, and east toward the Condago and Ocean Park tourist sections. France began reopening beaches along the Atlantic that were closed since last month after thousands of detonators washed ashore. Officials in the exceedingly slow pace of the Normandy, from Mont-Saint-Michel to Cherbourg, were the first to drop the closure order that extended to the Spanish border. More than 5,000 dangerous detonators were found after a Cypriot-registered ship carrying

34,000 lost some at sea. The number of visitors to the Louvre has virtually doubled since the opening of a new wing in November, compared to the same period last year, French officials said Friday. They also noted that museum attendance.

dance was sharply up generally last year. Slow restoration and souring costs have forced one of the biggest museums in Naples to shut until late next year, city officials said. The Capodimonte Museum, part of a royal estate that includes an 18th century porcelain factory, will be forced to close Monday because it needs more repairs and has no more space for its paintings.

West Europe Weather Reaches a New Fury

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatcher
LONDON — Blizzards, high winds and torrential rain lashed of people to fice their homes.

and officials expected no relief until Saturday at the earliest. The Camargue region of the Rhône River Delta could face the worst

areas, more than three times the monthly average. Bordeaux had rain for the 28th consecutive day, more than one-third of average annual rainfall has dropped on the city in the last month.

century, the waters were rising again Friday, but were not expected to reach the record heights that drove tens of thousands of people from Koblenz to Rotterdam out of their homes over Christmas.

riverbanks were underwater again between Bonn and Cologne. The biggest single casualty of the Christmas floods may turn out to be the \$400 million parliamentary office building that has been

under construction since 1991. The building, still a forest of concrete pillars and construction

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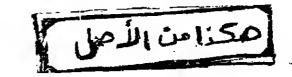
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Clinton and His Half-Brother Grieve

HOT SPRINGS, Arkansas - A somber President Bill Clinton consoled his half-brother Friday after they paid a 15-minute private visit to the funeral home where their mother, Virginia Kelley, lay at

With snow on the ground and temperatures below freezing, Mr. Clinton, his stepfather, Richard Kelley, and half-brother, Roger Clinton, all dressed casually, came to the funeral home alone in advance of a public viewing espected to draw thousands.

Roger Clinton, 37, wept as he left the funeral home. The president put his arm around the younger Chinton's shoulder. The three then climbed into a limousine for the ride back to the Kelley home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kelley who died in her sleep early.

Funeral services for Mrs. Kelley, who died in her sleep early Thursday after a battle with breast cancer, will be held on Saturday. Interest after a pattle with breast cancer, will be held on Saturday. Mr. Clinton does not plan to speak at the funeral, although has not made a final decision, said Jeff Filer, a White House spekesman. Mr. Clinton, who was to be joined by his wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, later Friday, planned to spend most of the day going over inneral arrangements and meeting with friends and neighbors, Mr. Eller said.

"They're going through old photo albums," Mr. Eller said, adding of the president, "He seems to be bearing up pretty well."

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Court Backs Full Airing of Iran-Contra Report

WASHINGTON — A U.S. appeals court denied the requests of some Iran-contra figures Friday that it withhold all or most of a special prosecutor's final report on the scandal. The report will he released "substantially in its entirety" in 10 days unless those who sought the suppression appealed to the Supreme Court, the appeals penel said. In that case, the release would be delayed until the high

The ruling did not say who was seeking suppression of the report from the special prosecutor in the case, Lawrence E. Walsh. But sources said that secret court filings seeking major deletions from the report were made by attorneys for former President Ronald Reagan, former Attorney General Edwin Messe 3d and the former White. House aide Oliver L. North. The filings had been prompted by the three-judge panel's Dec. 3 announcement that it would soon release

"It is in the public interest that this matter of extended national controversy be afforded as full a conclusion as possible," Judge David Sentelle wrote for the panel. "Therefore, rather than extend the controversy over the supposed, reported or suspected contents of the report, we have determined that the public interest will be served by the report of the report. by actual disclosure."

Fiscal Troubles of Cities and States Subside

WASHINGTON - City and state government officials from across the country have reported that fiscal conditions improved last year as a result of the general economic recovery. They said they expect the improvement to continue in 1994.

Nearly 62 percent of 374 elected municipal officials surveyed by

the National League of Cities described overall economic conditions

the National League of Cities described overall economic conditions in their communities as "good" or "very good." Only 23 percent said conditions had become worse over the past year. In two previous surveys, about half the officials reported worsening conditions.

The National Conference of State Legislatures also said nearly all the states had reported that their budgets were in better shape than a year ago, with higher revenues and lower spending. Most states project stable or improving fiscal conditions this year, the conference project stable or improving fiscal conditions this year, the conference

reported.

The survey showed 24 states, the District of Columbia and Pherto Rico reporting revenues on target through the early months of the 1994 fiscal year, which began in October, while 21 states said revenues were above projections. Only five states reported revenue collections so far this year below projections.

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David Gergen, the White House counsellor, on the political attacks against President Clinton over old real estate investments at a time when Mr. Clinton was morning the death of his mother:
"Where is the decemy that we once had?"
(Reuters)

A Judge Finds He Can't Shake the Burden of Blackness

By David Margolick

New York Times Service . NEWARK, New Jersey — Almost a month has now passed since Judge Claude Coleman's fateful visit to the Mall in Short Hills, New Jersey, when an innocent Christmas shopping trip turned into a nightmare of false accusations, public hu-

miliation and eventual vindication. He is back behind the beach in Newark Municipal Court and back, at least superlicially, to his old good-natured self.

what, if anything, a black man must tightly and behind his back - and he was but according to the clerks who waited on achieve to be beyond suspicion. On Dec. 11, the 53-year-old judge en-

tered Bloomingdale's and bought two pairs of women's gloves, presents for friends. He charged them to his Bloomingdale's credit card, looked at appliances, then left for a leather store a few doors away.

There, he suddenly found himself surrounded by walkie-talkie-toting security men from Bloomingdale's, who accused cially, to his old good-natured self.

But despite apologies from Blooming him of having used a stolen credit card and said the Millburn Police Department, Indee Coleman, who served as direction of Newark's fire and police departments before joining the judiciary, is still smarting — and thinking.

He is pondering just how fragile things like a reputation and the presumption of the strength of the police arrived, Judge Coleman Bloomingdale's many based a stolen credit card and said they had the videotape to prove it. They made him put his hands in the air, then spread them on the counter, as they summoned the Millburn police.

When the police arrived, Judge Coleman Bloomingdale's many had the wrong many the police arrived by the police ar

dragged through crowds of holicay shop- him, his skin tone, facial hair and clothing pers to a police car. At the station house, ise did not match Judge Coleman's.

was chained to a wall and prevented from By the time Bloomingdale's recognized

meet a black man who had gone through and Judge Coleman had been suspended. life without ever having been handcuffed.

On Dec. 17, the charges against Judge
"It was clear to me that they intended to
embarrass and humiliate me," he recalled

days later. Bloomingdale's called a press

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calling a lawyer and even from access to a its mistake, however, the case had taken on a life of its own. At the request of Judge The police officer guarding him. Judge
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Coleman said, seemed to delight in bringjudge in Essex County, the local prosecuing down a judge and was flabbergasted to

conference and apologized. It has sioce It took the Millburn police three and a dismissed two of the security guards inhalf hours to book Judge Coleman on volved in the episode and has suspended a

The store's lawyer, Peter Harvey of Mor-

shoppers sometimes have problems "I've been in stores where people have followed me, in places where I've been disrespected," he said.

Judge Coleman said that initially, he had been inclined to agree. But he said he had changed his mind as the facts came into focus and black friends of his had shared similar unhappy experiences in the Short Hills Bloomingdale's.

"This experience." he said, "has brought home to me what Arthur Ashe said shortly before he died: that no matter how many achievements you have, you can't shuck the burden of being black in a white society. So long as any black person is thought of as a nigger, until all persons of color are looked upon with respect, none of us are going to be. And it doesn't matter whether you're a had the wrong man; a black man had tried ristown, who is black, conceded that black lawyer or a judge or a prosecutor.



Mayor Paul Johnson of Phoenix with an assault rifle seized by police officers. He is seeking support for a policy for cities similar to the order requiring federal agencies to scrap surplus weapons.

These steps came in response to the growing public concern about gun violence. More than 200 million guns are now in the hands of U.S. citizens, enough for every teenager and adult, a ratio that few other to the order requiring federal agencies to scrap surplus weapons.

U.S. Agencies to Scrap, Not Sell, Old Firearms

By B. Drummond Ayres Jr.

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The government has ordered all federal lawenforcement agencies to destroy their surplus and outmoded firearms rather then sell them to gun dealers for resale to the public.

In the last 10 years, more than 60,000 semiautomatic pistols, revolvers, rifles and shotgams have been sold by federal agencies to dealers for resale to the general public, with the proceeds from the dealers going to offset

the operating costs of the agencies.

But the General Services Administration, the government's husiness manager and landlord, told federal agencies Thursday that in the future any firearms they no looger need, as well as any firearms they seize, must

be made inoperable and then sold as scrap to be melted down. The new federal policy is largely symbolic and will not cut very deeply

into the natioo's surging gun market, in which hundreds of thousands of guns are sold annually, legally and illegally.

But the move closely follows an announcement Tuesday that the federal government intends to make it more difficult for gun dealers to acquire and hold sales licenses and will also my to set up a better system of

monitoring and recording gun sales.

Clinton Is Told of Risk in Legal Sidesteps

President Bill Clinton have warned him that in using the legal process to keep secret some investment records from his years in Arkansas,

ing to disclose the existence of a subpocua for records of the Clintons' real estate investment for two weeks was a "huge mistake" that

sized canves tent, a chorus from protesters, a sexual advance toward one of his accusers.
"Hit the road, Pack," emered with him, as did a. But he hastened to add that nothing had come

Packwood Runs but Can't Hide in Oregon

"You're homeless in Ocegon, Bob," the pro-lester said, referring to the fact that Mr. Park-wood no longer has a residence in his state,

having recently sold the trailer that served as his

"Don't I deserve a fair hearing?" Mr. Pack-

A minute later, under a shower of questions

wood replied, before ducking back out of the

from hecklers, reporters and spectators, he found himself explaining that, yes, he had tried to stick his tongue in the mouth of Gena Hutton of Eugene, Oregon; one of more than two dozen women who have filed sexual miscon-

duct complaints against him with the Scnate ethics committee:

He agreed that he had tried to proposition Ms. Hutton more than 10 years ago, while he

was still married and she was an Oregon coordi-

It was the first time he had confirmed making

nator for his Senate campa

Further complications for the is awaiting a vote by the full House. White House arose when it was

he runs the risk of damaging his learned that Attorney General Jack of damaging his learned that Attorney General Jack of the Whitewater real estate venture.

Some advisers concede that failing to disclose the existence of a clinton's Arkansas land investigate with the work of the work of the media.

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At White House request, the Jus., 1992, the attorney general could tice Department issued a subpoena ask a three-judge panel to select a

Except that, later, she kissed me several

Ms. Hutton, in a statement issued later, said

Mr. Packwood then cut off questions to pose

for pictures with a 10-year-old girl at the yurt

So it went, back and forth between the pruri-

His strategy is to hold on, survive the investi-

picking up seven seats. If that happens, Mr. Packwood, as chairman of the Finance Com-

"It's a long shot," be conceded.

times," he said. "We had a warm relationship. I

she could not recall kissing the senator.

of his suggestions with Ms. Hutton

enjoyed her tremendously."

for the records so that they would counsel and chart a mission for records with Congress and the pub-WASHINGTON — Advisers to be under federal protection and out cases involving high-level administration of public reach. The handover of tration officials. The Senate has passed a bill reinstituting the law; it toos were in a political vise,

For now, the White House strat-

Under the independent counsel knowledgeable sources. She prefers outcry rather than allow what she doems an abhorrent invasion of privacy, they said.

Some top White House aides argue that even though the Clintons may be justified on legal grounds in withholding the papers, it is politically untenable for them. The case involves the Clintons'

investment in Whitewater Development Corp., a project to develop vacation property in the Ozari Mountains of Arkansas. The Clintons were 50-50 partners with James B. McDougal, owner of the failed Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, and his wife, Susan.

Whitewater and Madison Guaranty are the subject of a Justice Department criminal investigation ent accusations and the charge that he had tried to persuade a lobbyist to find a job for his that seeks to learn whether S&L funds were illegally diverted to the real estate deal or to Mr. Chinton's Arkansas political campaigns.

gations by the ethics committee and the Justice Department, and hope that the Republicans gain control of the Senate in November by A senior adviser to the presiden has warned that the Clintons will "keep bleeding" through continued questions about their financial afmittee, would once again be one of the most fairs until they share their personal powerful men in Washington.

squeezed hy demands for their pa-pers and a desire to protect their privacy as well as the integrity of the cogoing criminal investigation of Mr. McDougal, their former husiness partner.

"You're trying to balance in all of this the president's and first la-dy's rights," said the aide. "Even if they are the president and the first lady, just because someone makes a charge, they doo't have to turn over everything they own. That's a matter of principle. But we recognize that from a political point of view, we've made it look bigger than it

Other White House advisers insist that the Clintons have done no wrong and that the calls for disclosure of their private papers are oothing more than a Republican driven witch-bunt. (LAT, NYT)



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Away From Politics

But when Mr. Packwood went into the over-

By Timothy Egan

PHILOMATH Gregor He checks into botels under assumed names and slips into

public appearances through back doors or side

entrances. He begins enthest speeches on health

care or timber, and their ends up talking about,

his sexual failures and who kissed whom first.

For Senator Bob Packwood, his first tour of

A stop this past week at a shop that makes

tents called yarts was typical. A small group of protesters clamored about complaints of sexual

misconduct and charges that he misused his

As he fried to duck away from a placard shaped like a giant pair of lips that bore the words, "Kiss It Good bye, Bob," the five-term

Republican senator pleaded with his host to

"Show me a yurt, now," he said.

Oregon in more than four months has found

him in the curious role of Senator Surreal

Almost 73,000 pages of FBI files on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the investigation into Jack Ruby, the man who killed Lee Harvey Oswald, have been transferred to the National

• A Michigan appeals court panel has promised a speedy decision on the constitutionality of the state's ban on assisted suicide after hearing arguments in three cases. Two of the cases involve Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the pathologist who has been present at 20 suicides. Chemicals made to replace chlorofluorocarbons are environmentally safe, a study concludes. In a report in the journal Science, a federal. researcher said experiments show that the replacement chemicals, hydrothuorocarbons, will not destroy the ozone layer, which helps shield the Earth from ultraviolet radiation. The chemicals are used

primarily in air conditioning and refrigeration equipment.

• Two brothers described as the chief heroin sampless for the Gambino crime family in the New York area have pleaded guilty to: federal charges of naucotics trafficking, murder and other crimes.

John and Joseph Gambino entered the pleas after prosecutors agreed to recommend maximum sentences of 15 years without parole. The two men also pleaded guilty to charges of jury tampering, illegal

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NATO Chief Renews Threat to Serbs

Wörner Sees Summit United On Readiness for Bombing

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

BONN - The top official of the NATO alliance said Friday that he expected that President Bill Clinton and other leaders meeting in Brussels next week would restate the alliance's willingness to bomb Serbian military targets in Bosnia-Herzegovina if they did not stop the siege of Sarajevo.

But in a telephone interview with American correspondents, the NATO secretary-general, Manfred Worner, said there had been no recent discussions between the United Nations and the alliance about actually launching air strikes, despite reports that France would raise the issue at the summit meeting.

The alliance agreed last August that it would bomb Serbian and other forces surrounding Sarajevo, but only if the UN asked it to and only after Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali approved the tar-

The UN has never called upon the allies to drop a single bomb, though the siege has continued uninterrupted.

We are approaching a situation where a strong reaction by the United Nations would be necessary lo give a clear signal to the warring parties." Mr. Wörner said. "We agreed in August on the concept of air strikes. We are ready to implement it, but we have not received

any request. I don't think there will be a new initiative at the summit," he added. "I think we will renew our commit-

He rejected the view that the alliance had shown by its inaction that it had become irrelevant to the threat of ethnic and political instability in the formerly Communist world after the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold

■ U.S. Support Sought Roger Cohen of The New York

Times reported from Paris: France, seeking to push Bosnia toward the top of the agenda of the NATO summit meeting next week, has written other alliance members had requested that the power to requesting that the NATO meeting order air strikes be delegated to stress the firm U.S. support for the latest European peace initiative in

the Balkans. Government officials said Fri- Final UN Authority day that Foreign Minister Alain Juppé also made it clear in the iester, sent Thursday, that France by the Security Council to make the wants a renewed U.S. commitment

European peace plan more explicitinsisted on anonymity. "There is a where,

strong feeling here that we can only bring peace to Bosnia if the allies, including the United States, speak firmly and with one voice."

But in Washington, senior officials said there was growing irrita-tion at the apparent French efforts to turn a summit meeting called to review the post-Cold War structure of NATO into a potentially contentious meeting in which Bosnia figures prominently.

They added that Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher had spoken to Mr. Juppé about these U.S. concerns, as friction between the two governments increased. France, bowever, appeared un-ready to yield. "Bosnia is a capital

question for the summit," Mr. Juppe said in a radio interview. The French push appears to reflect growing concern about its

6,000 soldiers in the former Yugoslavia, the largest single contingent in the 30,000-strong UN peacekeeping force. But the French demands could

create problems at the meeting. The United States has remained determinedly neutral on the latest European peace efforts, which began with a French-German statement in November and involve a pledge to the Serbs that UN sanctions could be lifted if a peace agreement was reached.

The plan also calls for the establishment of largely autonomous, largely ethnically uniform Muslim. Serbian and Croatian mini-republics within Bosnia-Herzegovina, with the Muslims occupying about one-third of the country, the Serbs about 50 percent and the Croats about 17 percent, In Washington, officials say the

European plan is widely regarded as a Judge that would reward Serbian aggression as well as offering the Serbs the prospect of an end to sanctions. President Bill Clinton has therefore been reluctant to en-

dorse it explicitly.
In an interview Friday with Le Monde that reflected the growing impatience of UN military commanders in the former Yugoslavia, the French commander of troops there, General Jean Cot, said he him, But Mr. Butros Ghali had re-

The UN reaffirmed Friday that Mr. Butros Ghali was authorized final decision on air strikes in Bosto send troops to Bosnia to police and support a peace settlement if one is reached.

It is and "would not delegate that authority," Reuters reported from UN headquarters in New York.

"It is a little disturbing that the United States has not backed the that General Cot had never formally asked Mr. Butros Ghali for ly," said a ministry official who strikes around Sarajevo or else-



A Sarajevo man repairing a window broken in the shelling Friday.

UN Says Bosnian Army Set Off Latest Fighting

SARAJEVO. Bosnia-Herzegovina - United Nations officials said Friday that Bosnia's mostly Muslim Army had touched off the upsurge in street fighting here this week, which led to buge Serbian artillery bombardments of crowded neighborhoods and the loss of

Bosnian government officials acknowledged Friday night that army infantry assaults had kicked off several days of clashes in the hillside Grbavica neighborhood, which culminated Thursday in a bitter firefight near the city's old Jewish Cemetery.

The Bosnian officials, however, condemned the retaliatory Serbian artillery barrages as out of proportion to the initial assaults. Heavy machine-gun fire and shell explosions echoed again on Friday from the honeycomb of bombed-out buildings and trenches running between basements and across rubble-strewn streets just west of the Jewish Cemetery. The Serbian shelling of neighborhoods away from the battle line continued throughout the day and into Friday evening, though at a lower intensity than earlier in the week.

"The world has shown us that only raw force matters here," said a Bosnian government official, adding be was surprised that the United Nations expected the Bosnian government to sit back with folded hands while the rebel Serbs continued to occupy Bosnian territory and force minority-group members from their homes.

"During the past few days, the Bosnian Army has launched several attacks against the BSA positions around Sarajevo," a statement issued by the UN Protection Force said. The UN military commander, it added, protested the attacks of both sides.

Jordan Wins Financial Role in West Bank

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service

CAIRO - The Palestine Liberation Organization and Jordan said Friday that they had reached an accord that would open the way for Jordanian banks to play a major role in the development of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

This followed a stiff warning from King Hussein earlier this week that unless the accord, which was negotiated more than two months ago, was ratified he would adopt unspecified "unilateral mea-

two weeks, were scheduled to re-negotiate with the PLO.

sume in the Egyptian Red Sea re-sort of Taba on Monday.

Under the agreement Jordanian banks can reopen their branches. Bank before losing if to Israel in the which were active in the West Bank 1967 war. This was a heavy blow as before the Israeli occupation. The the region had been a major trading Jordanian Central Bank will act as area. a clearing house for financial aid expected to make its way to the areas during an interim period of five years before the final status of the West Bank is decided in negotiations with Israel.

This is a very good agreement and the beginning of a new phase of pragmatic cooperation and coordination," said Jawad Anani, Jor-

present Jordan with a bonanza.

The kingdom controlled the West Bank before losing it to Israel in the

The World Bank has pledged as much as \$2 billion in aid to Palestinians to help launch a period of self-rule. Jordan hopes that a substantial part of this aid will now make its way via Jordanian banks. stimulating significant economic activities in Jordan, too.

Jordan had argued that having

If upheld, the agreement would transit of investments into the Pal-

■ Israel Frees 101 Arabs

Israel released 101 Palestinian prisoners Friday before resuming talks with the PLO on a delayed troop withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho, Reuters reported from Nahal Oz in Israel.

A Israeli government official said the delay in implementing Palestinian self-rule was eroding support for the accord with the Palestine Liberation Organization. A spokesman said Prime Minister which appeared stalled for nearly was appointed by King Hussein to two weeks, were scheduled to re-

CLINTON: Greater Alliance Scrutiny Awaits Him

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attend the 50th anniversary of D-Day landings in Normandy, a Group of Seven summit meeting of industrial democracies in Naples, and a gathering in Budapest of leaders from the 52-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The fate of Mr. Clinton's new European policy may he largely de-termined by this week's maiden presidential voyage to Brussels, Prague and Moscow.

North Atlantic Treaty Organizacome sacrificial pawns to appease is supposed to chart the future. States is deeply engaged in their Russia, and convince President Bo-course of European security.

by the fact that virtually all of the European allies, including France, fear the pendulum is swinging too sharply toward isolationist tendencies in the United States. They clearly desire a successful Clinton trip in order to keep the United States attentive to European securi-

ty at this juncture. Senior French officials said President François Mitterrand would make a personal plea to Mr. Clin-Along the way, he must reassert ton to extend more of a helping American leadership over the hand in the Bosnia crisis. But the officials said Mr. Mitterrand did Europeans who fear they may be- cupy the limelight at a meeting that

ris N. Yeltsin of Russia to stick to the path of democratic reform.

Mr. Clinton's task may be eased to upgrade military cooperation

Continued from Page 1 with NATO's former enemies.

> "This plan clearly recognizes that NATO has responsibilities in solving security problems in the East," Robert E. Hunter, the U.S. delegate to NATO, said in an inter-

"Every administration has to find ways to reassure the allies that Americans are not pulling out of Europe," he said. "We've been aid-

ed by the global trade agreement

because it reduced the stress between our shared political interests tion as it gropes for a new sense of not want to see allied differences and economic competition. All of purpose, soothe anxieties of East over the conflict in Yugoslavia octions alphabet soup is a way of and economic competition. All of showing Europeans that the United

NATO: Message to Europe Is to Keep Common Cause

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those issues are continuing, he said. In a briefing for other journalists, Secretary of Defense Les Aspin said Mr. Clinton's central message in Europe would be that the Atlantic allies must "keep NATO at the center of European security concerns and therefore keep America at the center of Europe.

To that end, on Monday NATO will adopt the Partnership for Peace proposal, which calls for for-mal military cooperation with any willing nation in Eastern Europe or the former Soviet republics without proffering a firm guarantee of membership and the promise of collective security that membership

Initial military endeavors by Partnership members will be restricted to peacekeeping and disas-ter relief, Mr. Aspin said, and some coordinated task forces could be operational by the end of 1994. Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said that Washington would welcome and even "anticiates" that Russia, too, would join

lantic Treaty Organization and for talks with European Union officials on Monday and Tuesday.

As a prelude, he will deliver a major address Sunday evening in Brussels, largely to explain his vi-sion of America's role in Europe. Mr. Clinton ventures onto a En-

ropean stage strewn with the broken props of the Cold War, and he will have to step very carefully. By all accounts, he must main-

tain, if not solidify, the fragile balance that exists within NATO, bethese fledgling East European de-mocracies and Russia, between Russia and its nervous Ukrainian neighbors, between the leadership in Moscow and the restive Russian populace, between Moscow and the Baltic nations, and even between Syria and Israel.

At the core of each discussion is likely to be the question of U.S. leadership: What is the United competing causes each of these na-

Brussels for a meeting of the 16- of trade, urging Western Europe to host a meeting of all the top negoti- for member nations of the North At- open its markets not only to U.S. ators in the Mideast peace process. cy:

products but also to products from Eastern Europe and Russia. Untidy flare-ups in Bosnia will

also thrust themselves onto the NATO agenda. Mr. Christopher said Friday that NATO would take a "coordinated position" on the ethnic strife there.

> At midweek, Mr. Clinton flies to Pragne for a meeting with the Czech president, Vaclav Havel, who seeks greater security guaran-tees from NATO and the West.

Mr. Clinton will meet separately tween NATO and the former and then jointly on Wednesday Warsaw Pact nations, between with the leaders of the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Hun-gary before flying that night to Moscow for his second summit meeting with President Boris N. Yeltsin

In Moscow on Thursday and Friday, the president is likely to have opportunities to meet with a broad cross-section of Russian leaders, address the Russian people through televised appearances and make contact with church leaders. States willing to do, or refram from make contact with church leaders. doing, to advance the sometimes "Mr. Clinton heads for Geneva on pates" that Russia, too, would join the Partnership.

The ambitious itinerary for President Bill Clinton takes him first to competing causes each of these nations currently pursues?

Saturday evening in preparation for a Sunday summit with President Bill Clinton takes him first to ficials. Mr. Clinton will raise issues days later; Washington intends to

PARTNERS:

membership of NATO." They also asked that the Atlantic alliance confirm its willingness to eventually accept them.

After attending the NATO summit meeting in Brussels, Mr. Clinton will go to Prague for meetings with the leaders of the four East European countries. They form what is called the Visegrad Group and are regarded as the most likely first candidates for military cooperation with NATO.

Mr. Walesa, in a "blunt and frank" discussion of the Partnership proposal with Mrs. Albright and General Shalikashvili, promised to inform Mr. Clinton of Poland's decision in Prague on

Wednesday, U.S. officials said. In his initial public comments after meeting with the two U.S. envoys, Mr. Walesa left little doubt that despite his misgivings. Poland would agree to the plan and initiate

military cooperation with NATO.

Mr. Walesa said it was sometimes necessary to "crawl" even though there was a historic opportunity to "leap" forward into a new relationship between Eastern and Western Europe.

Mr. Walesa has taken the lead among Eastern European leaders in criticizing the U.S. proposal as ton vague and totally lacking in any NATO commitment to the security of the new democracies emerging after 45 years of Soviet domination.

■ A Call for Joint Security Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev of Russia proposed Friday that NATO and Russia provide jointly for the East European states security. Reuters reported.

In an article to be published Saturday in Germany's Frankfurter Rundschau, Mr. Kozyrev said individual NATO members and Russia could jointly provide "a system of overlapping security guarantees" for former Warsaw Pact countries.

He added that the North Atlantic Cooperation Council, a loose forum for NATO and members of the defunct Warsaw Pact, should become the "central organization for cooperation on military poli-

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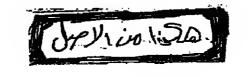
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China Warns U.S. Over Textiles Cuts, **But Offers Talks**

BELIING - China threatened the United States with retaliation Friday for having ordered sanc-tions against textile imports, but offered further talks to resolve the

The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation lodged what a spokesman called a serious protest of the U.S. decision.

The amount of Chinese textile imports in the United States are to be reduced by 25 to 35 percent. effective Jan. 17, but retroactive to The United States accused China

of cheating on \$2 billion of textile exports a year by sending its goods to the United States with labels from other countries. The U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, said he decided on

the cut in China's quota because negotiations had ended in an im-"This sort of action is very irresponsible," the Chinese trade

spokesman said.

going its own way, this will force our side to take corresponding and retaliatory measures."

The statement did not outline what China's retaliation might be. But it added that China "will continue to talk according to the original plan and solve problems through negotiations."

The statement did not say when China would negotiate again with the United States.

In Washington, officials said Beijing had not accepted an invitation to meet this week. A Chinese trade official said by

telephone that China wanted to hold talks starting on Jan. 17, the day Mr. Kantor said the quota cuts would start.

Asked if that date were not too late for meaningful talks, now that Mr. Kantor has set the quota cuts in motion, the Chinese official said: "We are working very hard to resolve this contradiction.

Previous trade disputes between China and the United States, which takes a third of Beijing's exports "This will have a serious impact on Chinese-U.S. trade relations," he said. "If the U.S. side persists in

Gospel's Tough Sell in Tokyo

By Steven Brull tronai Herald Tribune

TOKYO — Preaching the gospel in Japan, the saying goes, is like punching a pillow. There seems to be an impression made, but look again and it's

In a nation of religious relativism, where people get married in churches, celebrate New Year's at Shinto shrines and have Buddhist funerals, even the Reverend Billy Graham, the globe-trotting American evangelist, is having a hard time communicating the exclusivist concepts of Christian-

"People have the wrong concept of Christian-

ity." Mr. Graham said in an interview Friday.
"You can't be a Buddhist and a Christian."
Mr. Graham, 75 and fighting Parkinson's disease, has preached the gospel in person to more than 110 million people. But he will be lucky to fill the Tokyo Dome's 40,000 seats over four nights

next week. The visit is his third to Japan. "I've slowed down some," he said. "I don't use as many gestures or talk as loud."

The problem is not Mr. Graham, but the status of a religion whose beliefs run counter to those commonly held here. Although Japanese Chris-tians have worshiped unfettered since World War

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"Japanese are steeped in the relativism of Buddhism." said Don Hoke, a former Protestant missionary in Japan. "They have a hard time believing in absolutes like one God, one way, the truth and the right way."

Protestant leaders are hoping that Mr. Graham's visit will bolster morale by bringing together a community that feels excluded from the mainstream of a society that has little tolerance for differences. But there are few expectations that the sessions will reverse Protestant denominations growing hardships.

Besides the religious gulf, Christian churches here are also hurting from the recession, which has cut into charitable contributions. The number of foreign missionaries to Japan has also fallen with the surge of the yen against the dollar. Worse, more missionaries are skipping Japan altogether to go to Russia and Eastern Europe, which have opened up in the aftermath of the collapse of communism.

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The statement said a "contact" had taken place between North Korean representatives to the Unit-ed Nations watchdog agency and officials from it, but did not give details except to say. The contact is expected to continue next week.

In Seoul, South Korean officials said that North and South Korea were expected to exchange special envoys soon to discuss democlear-ization of the Korean Peninsula. The exchange could take place

within the next few weeks, according to officials from the Foreign weapons it has agreed to buy.

Ministry and the National Unification Bandar told escentives of the National Unification Board.

He said, however, that the ex-change should take place before the

United States reopens higher-level talks with North Korea on normalizing relations The schedule: Mr. Chang said, is part of a broad agreement reached by the United States, and North

Korea in a longstanding dispute over the North's nuclear facilities. The deal basically calls for North

Korea to open all seven of its "de-clared" nuclear facilities to United Nations inspections in exchange for improved ties with the United An important issue left unresolved was UN access to two ancie-

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By Ronald Sullivan New York Times Service NEW YORK — An heiress to

the Scripps newspaper fortune died almost a week after the police said

she had been bludgeoned by her estranged husband in their home in the affluent Wesichester County

The woman, Anne Scripps Douglas, 47, had an order of pro-tection against her insband, Scott, the police said, and a warrant has

Douglas's empty car period in the middle of the westbound lanes of the Tappan Zee Bridge with its motor running. A search of the Hindson River has failed to tarm up his

"He could be in the water or he could still be renning around," a

But the Scripps family had little

doubt that Mr. Douglas was alive and announced a \$25,000 reward

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We have reason to believe he

did not take his own life, said a Scripps family lawyer, John Q. Kelly. We believe it is quite possible

Mr. Kelly gave news organiza-tions pictures of Mr. Douglas, 38, a former house painter, and asked

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number if they saw saything that could help the investigation.

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been issued for his arrest. But the police do not know if he is even alive. Shortly before they entered the Douglas home early Saturday morning, they found Mr.

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Pyongyang U.S. Optimistic on Reining In China Missile Sales

By Daniel Williams and Peter Behr Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Despite its sharp differences with China on trade, the Clinton administration is making progress in its dispute with Beijing over missile proliferation, according to a senior U.S. official.

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U.S. officials had strongly protested China's sale of M-11 missile parts to Pakistan as contrary to international efforts to limit the spread of such technology. For months, China had refused even to discuss the issue with the U.S. VIENNA — North Korean officials met Friday with representatives of the International Atomic

But a senior U.S. official said in an interview veto of t that China has indicated to the United States implied.

that it "will meet, discuss and hopefully resolve" the dispute over sales of its missiles

Officials are optimistic that China will spell out in those talks its precise understanding of a previous commitment to abide by international guidelines against nuclear proliferation known as the Missile Technology Control Regime. Washington has sought new assurances of China's commitment to the guidelines.

In return, however, the Umled States has agreed to open talks with China over U.S. sales of F-16 jets to Taiwan, announced in 1992 by the Bush administration. U.S. officials said no veto of the sale of U.S. weaponry to Taiwan is

In a move that a senior official characterized as "not unrelated," the Commerce Department was authorized to approve the sale of three U.S. satellites for launching on Chinese rockets. The State Department had blocked the satellites in

retaliation for the M-11 sales. The launching of the satellites will bring roughly \$200 million in revenue to their manufacturers, Hughes Aircraft and Martin Marietta, and their production will keep thousands of workers employed at those firms in California and New Jersey. "I would be disingenuous if I told you we are insensitive to the economic

implications of this," said one senior official, Sanctions on other high-technology items, however, remain in place, a State Department

56 billion in commercial airliners.

Last year, after personal appeals from President Bill Clinton, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia decided to

buy passenger jets from McDon-neil and Boeing Co. But no pur-chase orders have yet been signed.

Saudis Inform U.S. Firms of Cash Crunch

By John Lancaster and John Mintz

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Saudi

ambassador, Prince Bandar ibn

Sultan, has fold executives of three
of the biggest U.S. defense contractors that his country is short of cash

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He said, however, that the catchange should take place before the change should take place before the

payments because falling oil prices had forced the kingdom to cut its

spending by 20 percent. Sandi finance officials arrived in Washington this past week to begin negotiations on a new payment plan, a source close to the Sandis

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heightened concerns among U.S. M-1A2 Abrams tanks to Sandi
officials about the effects of falling
Arabia for \$2.9 billion, including
Sandi oil revenues on the U.S. spare parts and training. The com-

economy. Sandi Arabia has been a pany was represented in Aspen by its president and chief executive, its president and chief executive, low through with its purchase plans, although with some changes.

Rhames, briefed staff members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee recently on the implications of Prince Bandar's initiative, Pen-

tagon officials said. General Rhames then flew to Asseveral years, according to Sauta.

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"Because of financial require-ments affecting the kingdom of Saudi Arabia," a Pentagon state-ment said, "we must adjust the for-ciga military sales program to aliga it with the levels of oil-driven reve-

Saudi and industry sources de-scribed the earlier meeting at Though Sandi officials describe. Prince Bandar's Colorado home as their financial problems as short- an amiable, five-hour gathering

agreed to buy up to \$6 billion of U.S. made commercial airliners.

Some analysts have begun to warn of a potential threat to the internal stability of Sandi Arabia if it is forced to scrimp on domestic programs to finance its arms building.

Also present were John McDonnell Douglas, which has a \$9 billion contract with Saudi Arabia for 72.

F-15 fighters, as well as Michael Armstrong, chairman of Hughes Aircraft, which is selling the Saudis an \$800 million computerized airan \$800 million computerized air-

The director of the Pentagon's defense network.

Saudi Arabia began buying large quantities of U.S. weapons in 1989 and stepped up orders following Iraq's invasion of Kuwan in August 1990. The country has ordered about \$30 billion worth of U.S. military equipment since its buying

Last fall, however, the Saudis began showing signs that they were living beyond their means: They fell behind on a \$500 million payment to a Pentagon account through which the U.S. contractors

The biggest fear among U.S. de-fense contractors is that Saudi Arabia will be forced to cancel or delay production of major weapons sys-tems, which could lead to layoffs

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Justice Moves Slowly

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno seems helibent on sacrificing her reputation to the White House's effort to contain the Whitewater Development flap. Not only has she continued to refuse, on insultingly specious grounds, to appoint an independent counsel. It now emerges that by so refusing, she has bought time for Justice Department and White House lawyers to cook up a deal to keep the Whitewater records under wraps. Moreover, those records are being handled so sloppily that when an independent counsel is finally - and inevitably - appointed, that official will have to spend vast energy to be sure that no evidence has been destroyed.

Is no one at the White House reading the history of recent presidential scandals? These clumsy efforts at suppression are feckless and self-defeating. This White House's attempts to maintain political control of the investiganon into the Clintons' real estate dealings in Arkansas are swiftly draining away public trust in their integrity.

Ms. Reno insists she does not wear the White House collar, but her news conference Thursday undermined that claim. She holds out the possibility that she will seek a courtappointed independent prosecutor as soon as the House passes legislation authorizing such positions. But Ms. Reno does not have to wait. She already has the authority to appoint a special prosecutor from outside her department, and congressional Republicans are

pendent Counsel Act is revived - as it ought to be - then this special prosecutor can give way to a court-appointed prosecutor operat-

ing with even more independence.

The Justice Department's own nambypamhy inquiry has given the White House plenty of time to cover President Clinton's tracks. Ms. Reno's department has called for documents including papers that the White House counsel, Bernard Nussbaum, removed from the office of his deputy, Vincent Foster, after Mr. Foster's suicide last summer. Around Christmas, the White House said Mr. Clinton would turn over the documents voluntarily. But as late as Tuesday the White

House said they were still being "catalogued."

Now it develops that the first boxes are just wending their way to Justice - protected by a government subpoena. The subpoena, previously undisclosed, serves mainly to maintain secrecy and give Mr. Clinton more than three weeks to "catalogue" and deliver the papers. Yet Ms. Reno finds nothing amiss. Her career bloodhounds are on the case. Yes, she has the legal power to appoint an ontside counsel, but, she said Thursday, "that does not make that person independent. I mean, if I appoint somebody, I'm going to get hlamed for what that person does or doesn't do.' How could matters be more mortifying for

Justice than they are now?

A Debt to Those Tested

A Politician's Politician

Often when the federal government appoints a task force to study some problem, delay appears to be the objective. This seems not to be the case with the federal task force on radiation assembled by the White House this week. Spurred by stories - some of them around for a long time - of governmentfinanced radiation-tolerance experiments on humans carried out from the '40s to the '70s, the Clinton administration has taken the problem in hand and set a schedule for action. The work may take many months or even years, but a straight course has been set.

The task force will be made up of representatives from the departments of Energy. Health and Human Services, Justice, Defense and Veterans Affairs, the National Security Council, the Office of Management and Budget and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The CIA was not represented at the initial meeting on Monday but will he included. The panel will he responsible for compiling information on all the experiments. locating the individuals who were the subjects of tests, determining whether the subjects had been fully informed of the risks and had given informed consent, and assessing what damages, if any, they have suffered.

Policy matters concerning the kind of damages that merit compensation and the form the compensation might take will also be studied.

Thomas P. O'Neill, the former speaker of the U.S. House, who died Wednesday in Bos-

ton, aged 81, may not be remembered as the

author of any complex legislation having a

lasting impact on American society. Nor was

knows one subject, like mining regulations or

securines law, with such depth that he is the

acknowledged expert among his peers. He

was, however, one of those politicians who

become successful leaders because they know

with precision how to get things done. It did

not hurt that, despite policy disagreements, he was truly popular on both sides of the aisle.

Tip O'Neill rose from modest beginnings to

great power. Born of immigrant Irish parents

in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he followed a

path into urban politics. Throughout his long

career, it was elear that be remembered his

roots and the people he represented. His ties

to the neighborhood that became his congres-

sional district remained strong and personal.

He did not simply attend local functions, he

made a point of knowing by name most of the citizens there. It is said that he could attend a

communion breakfast and regale the audience

with stories from ehildhood about almost ev-

ery individual in the crowd. His district in-

eluded Harvard, which gave him an honorary degree after be retired. But his focus was

NAFTA and Mexico's Poor

descendants of the Mayas is remote.

The revolt of oppressed Indians in the Mexican state of Chiapas as the North American

Free Trade Agreement took effect has roots far

deeper than the elimination of tariffs between two "distant neighbors." While NAFTA is

feared among Mexican peasants as still another

device to rob them of their land, its impact on

The rebels have invoked the name of Emi-

liano Zapata, a hero of the Mexican Revolu-

tion. "Land and liberty." the Zapata hattle cry.

has long resonated among the rural poor.

erupted, there had been tension in Chiapas.

The government of President Carlos Salinas

Even before the bloody weekend fighting

very few actual injuries resulted from the studies, should subjects be compensated nevertheless because they were misted? Should even those who gave informed consent be paid if they suffered physical or emotional damage?

It is being said that tests were conducted in a different era, without malice, by scientists struggling to learn more about radiation and its potential harm. But the facts suggest that a more rigorous ethical examination of the cases is in order. Some terrible things were done by people who knew hetter. The choice of subjects among the retarded, prisoners and the terminally ill is particularly suspect. The history of experiments in Nazi Germany, so elearly remembered in the '40s and '50s, should have signaled caution. And the spirited protests of at least one prominent scientist who was an expert in the field is evidence that ethical questions were raised at the time.

Some of those who participated in the experiments are long dead. But others are owed a dehi hy their country. Acknowledging that debt is the first step. The task force has an enormous moral responsibility to sort out what happened so that Americans can face the truth and learn from it and the government that encouraged and countenanced these acts can, where possible, make amends.

always on the working-class people from

whose ranks Be Came.

We did not always agree with the speaker on
the substance of legislation. He blocked a badly
needed deficit reduction deal in the Reagan

ed changes in Social Security. But he was

consistent in his support of those social pro-

grams designed to meet the needs of the poor.

He believed that politics is an honorable call-

ing, and be saw elective office as a way to bring

about improvements in the average citizen's

life. He was dedicated, but never solemn about

his responsibilities, known for defusing a tense

situation with a joke or enlivening a celebratory

one with a song. Even his political nemesis, President Ronald Reagan, responded to his personal charm and called him a friend.

Speaker O'Neill once said that Winston

Churchill lost his seat in Parliament because

he forgot the people in his own election dis-

hle friends while doing so.

offers of federal aid.

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- THE WASHINGTON POST.

whose ranks he came.

Is Worth Waiting For

By A. M. Rosenthal

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton is making some of America's best friends very unhappy - Europeans who lived under communism, fought it, and helped bring down the Soviet empire. Next week he will make them even unhappier when he tells them face to face that the United States will not agree to their becoming members of NATO.

Face to face, he will have to deal

with people like the Czech writer Vaclay Havel, who went from a Communist jail to the presidency of his country, and President Lech Walesa of Poland, the electrician who created a freedom movement that bound together workingman and intellectual.

They will tell him of their still-vivid fears of the Russian imperialism that enslaved their countries under czarism and communism. They will say that they have earned the protection of NATO membership. Mr. Clinton—he will say many things, but essen-

tially no, not yet. My time as an American corre-spondent in Eastern Europe during the Communist ice age binds me to Eastern and Central European demo-crats. In some of their countries, 'ex"-Communist politicians are strong, and in others fascists use democracy to try to destroy it. Those dangers give the passions of Mr. Ha-vel and Mr. Walesa special meaning. So when I sat down at a presidential lunch for columnists about NATO I was emotionally and politically be-

hind quick membership for some of the former Communist colonies. Mr. Clinton did not present startling new reasons for delaying. But he put enough good existing reasons to-gether lucidly enough so that I changed my mind. What? Yes.

I went away thinking that American friends of democracy in Eastern Europe could give him enough time to play if out without getting panicky.

Boris Yeltsin fears that immediate

NATO membership for countries on Russia's border would help Russian nationalists sell their line of Russia imperiled. Mr. Clinton said the Russian president sends the message that Russin should not be pushed back, treated again as an enemy.

Is this appeasement of a foreign ruler? It seemed to me, listening to

that question in my head, that ap-peasement is trying to buy off an enemy — not trying to help a friend survive n growing threat at home. If it takes a couple of years and

another election to make Russia com-fortable with NATO neighbors, it is worth the wait. If not, or if the fascist-Communist alliance washes over Russia, NATO could extend membership protection fast to Eastern

and Central Europe.

Anyway, the West would have to meet any Russian military adventure against Eastern Europe. The key point is not how many new members NATO brings in but how strong its current members stay.

Mr. Clinton said that the reduction

of U.S. troops in Europe from 326,000 to 100,000 was enough. But has it been too much, given the rise of the Russian uglies? Is Mr. Clinton's new secretary of defense going to decide for himself and tell us?



there is another good reason for wailing before expanding NATO. Eastern and Central Europe have not settled down politically. Yugoslavia is eating itself alive, Czechoslovakia has split in two, Poland has elected a government of "ex"-Communists, and in Hungary and Romania fascists name plazas after their heroes in hell.

The West should have expected npheavals, not a a straight, calm line, after so many decades of Communist and Nazi brutalization. Still, it would be an even nastier shock to find a national alliance of blackshirts and Communists sitting at a NATO table. Some of my friends say that without East Europeans in NATO, between Germany and Russia, the Germans would be very upset. I can live

President Clinton kept saying that while they were not getting membership, the former captive nations would be brought into closer political, military and economie coopera-tion with NATO members. So the tests of the Clintonian policy will

For Action

On Bosnia:

A Dual Test

By Anthony Lewis

Boston - President Bill Clin-

end for a North Atlantic Treaty

Organization summit meeting that

poses a dual test of credibility:

The issue is Bosnia. The aggres-

sion and slaughter there, growing worse at the turn of the year, raised

dark questions for the hope of peace

in a Europe facing new strains after

NATO wants to be seen as a credi-

hie guarantor of that peace. The

president wants to project himself as a reliable leader of the alliance. But

who would believe either's promises

for the future when both are default-

ing right now on their commitments

Last August, NATO committed

itself to bomh Serbian forces if they

continued to strangle and shell Sara-

jevo and block relief convoys else-where. On one day this week 1.353 Serbian shells fell on Sarajevo. Re-

lief supplies are routinely blocked. But NATO does nothing. As for Mr. Clinton, he came to

office calling for stronger measures.

He made a proposal to lift the arms

embargo on the Bosnian victims and

make air strikes on the Serbian ag-

gressors. But he pushed the idea

only half-heartedly when European

Banquo's ghost.

A nonpartisan Washington group of senior figures from politics and

foreign policy, in the Action Council for Peace in the Balkans, wrote Pres-ident Clinton Thursday on the link

between Bosnia and NATO's role.

"The daily victimization of Bos-

nia puts into sharp relief the failure of the United States and Europe to

resist aggressive nationalism - a

core test in post-Cold War Europe. .

NATO's continuing refusal to act

effectively in Bosnia calls into serious question its relevance to the

eballenges of the new Europe and

the value of your proposal for a new

The group proposed n new West-ern policy for Bosnia. Most striking-

ly, it called for replacing the present United Nations force, which has been

frustrated in its attempts to keep re-

lief routes open, with reliance on the

Bosnian Army to do that job. NATO

and the United States would supply

air cover if Serbian or Croatian forces

To give the Bosnians the necessary

military strength, the letter calls on

NATO and the United States to end

the embargo on arms for Bosnia. It

argues that the embargo, though vot-

ed hy the UN Security Council, in

The legal argument, spelled out by Robert Silk of New York, among other lawyers, is based on Article 51 of the UN Charter. That says nothing

shall "impair the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense if

an armed attack occurs against a

member of the UN" until the Securi-

ty Council has taken the measures

needed for peace and security.

Bosnia is a UN member. It has been attacked, and Security Council

measures have not protected it. The

letter urges President Clinton to take

the position that the United States and NATO are therefore not bound

by the UN embargo resolution.

The signers of the letter include

Morton Ahramowitz, a former U.S.

ambassador who now heads the Car-

negie Endowment for International

Peace: Max Kampelman, another former ambassador; Senator Joseph Lieberman, Democrat of Connecti-

cut; and Representative Frank Mo-

They suggest that UN forces go home as the Bosnians are able to

protect relief supplies. That would dispose of Prime Minister John Ma-jor's argument that NATO military action would expose British detach-ments in the United Nations force to

In the end it all depends on Ameri-

Closkey, Democrat of Indiana.

as no legal dasis.

Partnership for Peace."

tried to block the routes.

Clinton emissaries have been do-

leaders objected.

The letter said:

to stop the killing in Bosnia?

NATO's and his.

ton flies to Brussels this week

Will closer ties with Eastern Europe turn out to be real or mumbombo? Will we put money and some military integration on the table or play Monopoly? Will "not right now" mean exactly that, or "not ever"?

The president's policy, as he said, is a judgment call. That is what he gets paid to make. This one seems reasonable and carefully thought out. I ate my full portion but for now feel

A 'Partnership' of Anger and Dashed Expectations

PARIS—It was a bad mistake to formulate the security problem in East-Central Europe in terms of NATO membership for countries there. Doing so has destabilized an already unstable situation. Russia, after the electoral success of Vladimir Zhirinovsky, has no need for phantom threats from NATO. It also was pointless to talk about an expanded NATO. In the short term, membership simply is not a practical prospect even for Poland, Hungary or the Czech Republic. NATO is a military alliance with an integrated multinational command and integrated logistics, communications and intelligence systems developed over more than 40 years. The relevant question is not whether to give it new members. It is whether this military instrument can be used to

stabilize a highly unstable situation. This instability results partly from what is hap-pening in Russia. There is anxiety about Russia's future, justified in general terms, though Boris Yeltsin poses no threats to his European neighbors. It is necessary to consider the possible alternarives or successors to President Yeltsin, of whom

Mr. Zhirinovsky provides an alarming instance.

The second reason the region is unstable, is because of the unsatisfied ethnic and territorial claims of the various peoples there. Except in former Yugoslavia, the governments of the area mostly continue to conduct themselves with pruBy William Pfaff

dence and good sense. People do otherwise. Russia's Mr. Zhirinovsky has made aggressive comments. Elements of the German far right currently claim territory in Poland and property in the Czech Republic, The situation of ethnic Hungarians is difficult in Romania, Slovakia and Serbia.

NATO members Greece and Turkey are implicated in the Balkan unrest because of Greece's support for Serbia and hostility toward the new Macedonia, and because of the Turkish and Muslim minorities in the Balkans. Enlarged NATO membership will not solve these problems. What is needed is a practical guarantee of the integrity of Central and East European frontiers. Peaceful and negotiated change obviously is acceptable, but military aggression is not - and this is something a military alliance can deal with. The West failed disastrously to block aggression and genocide in Yugoslavia. It had better not fail its second chance.

A guarantee of stable frontiers in the region bordering the old Soviet Union would contribute to llie stability of Russia itself, and to that of Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania and the other Baltic states. To offer such a guarantee does not "expand the bloc" in a way threatening to Moscow. It offers an assurance of regional stability, to which the Russian government can have no legitimate objection. It also avoids the issue of a Russian veto over NATO affairs.

The American Partnership for Peace plan does give Russia that veto in practice, while denying it in principle. The U.S. national security adviser, Anthony Lake, said the plan sets in motion "a dynamic process that is explicitly opening the door to NATO membership for the East Europeans, a door that we hope they will walk through. That makes it certain that the Russians will object.

President Bill Clinton said that it "would be a

countries both out of NATO and walking through its door. Pretending that it can has earned for Mr. Clinton the negative consequences of both courses.

It would be better for Mr. Clinton to abandon Partnership for Peace and think again. The best thing Washington's NATO allies probably can do is to waffle and postpone, so that this idea can fade away and Washington have the chance to come back with something more serious. As the plan stands, it not only disappoints the Central and East Europe-ans, and the Rossians, but angers them as well.

International Herald Tribune.

cing their best to keep Bosnia off the agenda of the NATO meeting. They want nothing to interfere with the image of a happily functioning alliance. But reality cannot be so easily dispelled. Bosnia will be the unwela little lighter. The New York Times. come specter at the alliance feast, its bloody image as hard to ignore as

critical mistake" to offer NATO membership to states on the border "of the old Soviet Union," because to do so would be perceived as an act directed against Russia. That concedes the veto. The Clinton administration cannot have those

Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

At the UN, Discontent Is Giving Way to Progress

TEW YORK - Behind the headlines about Somalia and Haiti, a larger and ultimately more important drama is beginning to unfold at the United Nations. The frailues of UN peacekeeping are, after all, but a symptom of the United Nations' profound need to "rein-vent" itself in a new era. Its success or failure will do much to determine whether gains resulting from the end of the Cold War are consolidated or whether we fall back into old habits of confrontation, but in new and

trict while he was husy fighting World War II. unpredictable forms. Tip O'Neill never forgot. He was, as the Sen-ate Republican leader, Bob Dole, said Thurs-Fortunately, the United Nations' summer of discontent has been sucday, "a congressman's congressman," so acceeded by the most encouraging complished and admired that he was elected General Assembly session in de-cades. The ideological stubbornness that historically has split the United Nations along East-West, Northto the speakership for five terms in a row. He served ably in that office and won innumera-South lines is dissolving. Efforts to endorse UN purposes while pressing for UN reforms are beginning to pay off. And the United Nations is moving in directions that the United - THE WASHINGTON POST.

By Madeleine K. Albright The writer is U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

States has long wanted it to go: General Assembly agreed to establish n UN high commissioner for human rights. Since the time of Eleanor Roosevelt, the United States has pressed the United Nations to play an active and positive role on human rights. Its members have finally given it a clear mandate to do so.

• The Israeli-PLO peace agreement introduced a spirit of relative cooperation on the Middle East --storically the most divisive subject of discussion at the United Nations. During the fall session, the General Assembly went on record in support of the Madrid peace process, dis-crimination against Israel was re-duced, and there was broad support for economie and social projects in Gaza and the West Bank. · Arms control, long the province of superpowers alone, moved to center stage. With strong U.S. backing, resolutions were approved in support of a comprehensive nu-clear test ban treaty, a ban on the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and a moratorium on the export of land mines.

 At U.S. urging, the General Assembly approved in principle the establishment of a high-level UN office with functions similar to those of an American inspector general. This is a vital step, for poor management is the Achilles' heel of the United Nations.

• The overall UN budget was held to no real growth, well below the level proposed by the UN Secre-tariat. Within this hudget were sig-nificant additional funds for human rights, humanitarian affairs and peacekeeping, all U.S. priorities.

 The Security Council's determination to isolate "rogue" states paid off in decisions to maintain tough economic sanctions against Iraq and to strengthen those imposed on Lib-ya for sheltering the accused sabo-teurs of Pan Am Flight 103.

There has also been progress in recent weeks in the area of greatest controversy and complexity — UN peacekeeping. There is wide recog-nition that although the success of collective peacekeeping operations is important, the United Nations has tried to do too much too soon. The pace has now slowed. Efforts continue to make UN peace opera-tions militarily credible through better planning, better training, het-ter management, better equipment

The United Nations remains far short of its potential. Much work remains to be done. But my feeling in

this new year is that we are beginning to move in the right direction. The Washington Post.

Detroit's Recovery and the Virtues of Unfree Trade

Bishop Samuel Ruiz of Chiapas has been agitating for years on behalf of Indians who destroyed by rapacious ranchers and the land reform program of the Salinas government.

NAFTA seems to have been a convenient

device for rebel leaders with broader grievances. Free trade and Mexico's eventual breakthrough into the First World economy should benefit millions of people who never realized the promise of the Zapata revolution.

de Gortari was alarmed enough to send Mr.

Salinas's designated successor. Luis Donaldo Colosio. to the region with lavish

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CKYO — The good news is that the American anto industry is recovering well. The bad news is that the Uruguay Round of trade talks, currently touted as the savior of the world economy, would have prevented that recovery.

In the early 1980s, the United States forced Japanese car makers into "voluntary" export restraints, to protect a U.S. industry battered by the overvalued dollar and the under valued yen. At the time, Japan, GATT and others complained bitterly about this breach of free trade principles. The net result? Close to ideal, for just about everyone.

The Japanese reluctantly set up ear and parts factories in the United States, which gave American makers a much needed breathing space and the chance to learn from Japanese

Today, with the yen appreciated by more than 100 percent against the dollar, even the Japanese realize bow wise they were to set up those fac-tories when they did. Not only can they now take advantage of "cheap" U.S. labor; by cutting car exports they have also managed to ease some of the upward pressure on the yen.

But under the latest GATT formula for a better world, "voluntary" re-straints are out. So the U.S. auto industry should have been forced into early bankruptcy. Then, as the Japanese were forced out of export markets by yen appreciation, the South Koreans and a lew others would be left free

to pick over the remains of the once prosperous U.S. car industry, Can't someone put a quick end to

By Gregory Clark

this GATT obsession with purist free trade theory? Apart from anything else, it has yet to come to grips with the 20th century reality of economies of scale - the idea that the more a firm or an economy manufactures, the lower, rather than the higher, its unit costs become. It is a formula for enormous instability in world trade.

All this could be forgiven if we lived in a world where exchange rates moved rapidly to reflect relative pro-ductivities — so that if Country A exploited economies of scale to dominate export markets for most manufactured goods, its exchange rate would immediately appreciate to a level where other countries could compete again.

Unfortunately, currencies do not move in this logical manner. There are lags. And there are speculators. In the past month the U.S. dollar has appreciated by 10 percent against the yen. This appreciation is due almost entirely to speculators gambling on interest rate shifts in the United States and Japan. As a result of their gambles, every U.S. import into Japan is now hit with n 10 percent impost compared with a month ago, and ev-

Correction

A sentence in the final paragraph of a column by Flora Lewis on Friday's Opinion Page should have read: "For that, the United States has to have a clearer, more concrete postwar plan than it has yet devised." ery Japanese export to the United States gains a 10 percent subsidy. It is a protectionist shift that even a Third World country would hesitate to impose. Meanwhile, Tokyo and Washington have been telling us how recent GATT negotiations have pushed us all

closer to a free trade world. For the moment, let us forget the speculators; after all, they can only push things out of focus for a limited period. Let's concentrate on the reality of Chinese workers in a television factory set up with Japanese, Taiwan or U.S. capital in one of China's free economic zones.

A nonracist view would accept that since those Chinese workers are just as intelligent and capable as their Western equivalents and are supplied with much the same technology as in Western factories, there is little reason why they cannot compete with Western workers.

Yet current exchange rates say in effect that Chinese society is so backward, corrupt, inefficient and hopeless that wages bave to be one-twentieth those of the West for China to be competitive. True, as the Chinese begin to ex-

port those television sets and other mid-tech products, their exchange rate will appreciate. But for various reasons that appreciation will al-

wnys be delayed.

We saw this with Japan. Por most of the past 30 years the yen has been consistently undervalued against Western currencies by around 20 to 30 percent. Every Japanese manufac-

turer exporting to the West has en-joyed n 20 to 30 percent price advantage. Every Western manufacturer exporting to Japan has suffered a similar disadvantage. Little wonder that U.S. and European trade imhalances against Japan have ballooned. GATT needs a new slogan: "It's

the exchange rate, stupid." International Herald Tribune. can leadership. The Dutch foreign minister, Pieter Kooijmans, said the other day that an American role had a crucial "symbolic value as a deterrent to aggressors." If President Clinton has the courage for real leadership in Brussels, not just a show, he

Serbian reprisals.

must know that action on Bosnia is the key to credibility for peace. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: An Exposed Heart NEW YORK - If there he a person

in New York, or anywhere else for that matter, who doubts that the heart of Edward W. Highhouse is in the right place, all he need do to set expressions of sorrow and the halfhis doubts at rest is to look at the heart, covered only by the pericardisand buildings the country over. heart, covered only by the pericardium, at its constant work. Mr. Highhouse is at present staying at the Putnam House, where I saw him yesterday [Jan. 7]. A more rare surgical LONDON — [From our New Yor edition:] The Russian and I Brainian case has perhaps seldom been known.

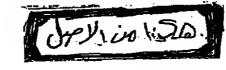
1919: President's Adieu NEW YORK - Without pulpit

family servants, the casket was borne from the Roosevelt home at Sagamore Hill to Christ Episcopal Church nt Oyster Bay. The entire simplicity of the obsequies was in marked contrast to the nationwide

LONDON - [From our New York

edition:) The Russian 2nd Ukrainian Army captured the railway bastion of Kirovograd yesterday [Jan. 8], endangering the entire Nazi position in the Dnieper bend, while the 1st Army to ont flowers, in accordance with his last wishes, the mortal remains of miles further toward Rumania, Ger-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, twen-man Army units surrendered in mass ty-sixth President of the United in the battle-lorn streets of Kirovo-States, were laid to rest in the family grad after General Ivan S. Konev's plot in the village cemetery of Oyster
Bay Cove. Attended only by immediate relatives, including his son Archie, a few close friends and the old

smashed them into submission with n mighty three-way drive, said a midnight Moscow communique.





Munich exhibition re-creates 1930s kitchen; in window, a photo of Nazis marching.

Munich Confronts Past Ambitious Exhibit of Nazi Era Art

By Stephen Kinzer New York Times Service.

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UNICH — In the spring of 1913, an aspiring young artist and German nationalist named Adolf Hitler arrived in Munich. For the next 20 years, he made the city his headquarters, the fertile ground where he ourtured Nazism

Germany in the 1990s is more willing to confront its Nazi past than it has been before, and in the latest reflection of this attitude, the Stadhmuseum here has presented an ambitiously introspective exhibition called "Munich: Capital of the Movement." Through art and artifacts, it describes Munich's contributions to the rise of Nazism.

Exhibitions that trace a city or town's history through the prewar and war years have been held in many parts of Germany. This one is especially impor-tant because Munich was at the center of the Nazi movement. Many people have tried to repress this chapter of their local history for two generations.

Curators at the Stadamaseum assembled about 2,000 items for display, including photographs, posters, documents and other traditional political artifacts, but at several points the exhibition breaks with chronology to ported the support that ordinary people case the Marie in Misnich ple gave the Nazis in Munich.

Part of the exhibition is about Hitler's efforts to crush "degenerate art" and exalt traditional styles he preferred. Several paintings that Hitler especially admired hang on one wall. They include a stern-looking onde posed against floral wallpaper by Adolf Ziegler, whose works are described in the catalogue as "among the favorite and most widely reproduced richns of Nazi

On the wall facing these paintings hang several works chosen to show the kind of art the Nazis abhorted. Among them are a successio postrayal of high-society dancers by Max Beckmann, a moody portrait of a cardplayer by Ernst Ludwig Kirchier and a colorful but imprecise harbor view by Lovis Corinth.

One hall is devoted to Hitler's use through Munich a society and includes the guest book of a prominent docal family open to the page where Hitler signed as a party guest. At another point, visitors can peer into a full-scale model of a kitchen in a middle class Mannch apartment of the 1930s. The family has jumped up from breakfast to watch a Nazi march on the street: below, visible as a giant photo through the kitchen

Bavaria has always been Germany's most conservative region, and Munich, its capital, was the scene of might teach them something."

great political upheaval when Hitler lived here. Many of Hitler's closest collaborators were from Munich or other parts of Bavaria, among them Rudolf Hess, Heimich Himmler and Hermann Göring. In 1933, the year he took power, Hitler officially declared Munich the capital of German art, and two years later he went

Finding artifacts for the exhibition, especially ones that showed the private side of Munich's support for the Nazis, was difficult. The museum advertised in local newspapers and received a wave of donations, many from people who were evidently relieved to be rid of a document or other item they had been hiding for years. Some items could not be found. For example, the Nazis sponsored a 100-piece symphony or-chestra whose members were uniforms designed from a sketch by Hitler. Curators searched widely for one of

the aniforms, but without success.

It was certainly no coincidence that Hitler built his first concentration camp, Dachau, on the outskirts of Munich. The part of the exhibition devoted to the evil perpetrated there is perhaps its most powerful. It includes thousands of death certificates, each carefully noting relevant details, including cause of death ("severe chest hemorrhage due to bullet wound").

Artifacts from the death camp at Auschwitz are also

luded to remind visitors of the results of Nazism. A chest of confiscated menorahs and silverware has the same purpose. Several small anti-Nazi groups formed in Munich in the 1920s and '30s and were brutally suppressed. The exhibition also has a place for these groups, among them the White Rose, which was founded by two students, brother and sister, who were arrested and executed.

HE focus of the exhibition, however, is the reaction of ordinary people to the rise of Nazisha. We'll Germany have given a lot of attention to the perpetrators and the victims," said Brigitte Schutz, the curator who organized the exhibition. "I wanted to move beyond that, to show how normal people participated in the system in so many small ways. It became an accepted part of daily life.

"Another purpose of any exhibition about the Third Reich at this moment in Germany is to open the eyes of young people who go around calling themselves neo-Nazzs. So much is tolerated in modern Germany that just about the only way you can still shock people is to use Nazi symbols or slogans. Most kids do this for the shock value, without having any idea of what Nazism really was. You hope that exhibitions like this

Out of Fragments, a Historic Whole

OUSTON - What should one do when confronted with artistic fragments looted from ancient monuments in conditions created by war and military occu-

The answer given in the art market in most cases is that no one gives a hoot. In the last two decades the debris of Khmer temples blown up in the Cambodian jungle, of Bud-

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dhist stupas smashed in Afghanistan and countless remains from other areas have entered private and public collections. The lack of documented provenance makes it possible to pretend that it is all right. How different things could be in many cases is demonstrated by the story of the 13th-century murals from the Cypriot chapel at Lysi.

Several years ago, a prominent London dealer in Byzantine and Islamic art, Yanni Petsopoulos, was contacted from Munich by a Turkish vendor who wanted to sell some Byzantine murals that had come to light in Turkey. Petsopoulos received mediocre photographs, but even these were enough to send a shiver down his spine.

He realized that two sections from a major fresco cycle hitherto unknown to him -- one from the inner face of a dome showing Christ Pantocrator, the other from the half dome of an apse depicting the Virgin standing in prayer between two angels — had been broken up into a step further and christened it the capital of the fragments and would be sold piecemeal. The dispersal would effectively mean the destruction of the two sections. The dealer had to find a buyer with the vision and financial resources to enable him to pay \$300,000 for the lot,

> thought of approaching Domi-nique de Menil, a French art collec-miral with the standing Virgin, 16 tor and patron to whom be had sold panels had been outlined. some major icons. These were for the museum, oow known as the Menil Collection, run by the foun-dation set up by Mrs. de Menil and ber late busband. John. He rang half-buried church. He produced a Houston and then Paris, where drawing of the church, a ground Dominique de Menil happened to plan, longitudinal and transverse be with Bertrand Davezac, now the sections, even a book by a Turkish curator of early and medieval art in scholar published in 1971. which, the Menil Collection. Davezac flew he assured, backed the story. to London to see Petsopoulos, took one look at the photograph and a probable. Dikmen grew increasingly day later, Dominique de Menil, Petsopoulos, Davezac and the museum director, Walter Hopps, ar- risk of being spirited out of sight in a rived in Munich.

the help of the Menil Foundation,
"A Byzantine Masterpiece Recov-



The Virgin and archangels in the restored mural from the apse of the Lysi chapel in Cyprus.

of the mosaics

The party drove to a working-class neighborhood. In a studio apartment without electricity, they saw fragments of Byzantine painting mounted on plaster and flattened for sale as so many tableaux. Two candles threw a dismal light as in some Brechtian spoof of an Orthodox shrine.

Dikmen showed them in all simplicity two terrifying documents that are reproduced by Davezac. FTER discussing the On one, the inner face of a dome matter with the U.S. with Christ Pantocrator is divided Byzantine scholar Gary into 23 irregular panels by white dotted lines indicating the saw cuts

Dikmen told them that he was building a hotel near Bin Bir Kilisse in southern Turkey. A consections, even a book by a Turkish

It all sounded pathetically imnervous. But it was imperative to ved in Munich. moment of panic, or, worse, de-through the owner of the murals stroyed. The Menil Foundation parin a hotel. He was called Aydin ty expressed serious interest and the Dikmen, as Davezae reveals in the meeting was over. Dominique de preface to a book published with Menil had virtually made up her

The next three months were ered: The Thirteenth-Century Mu- spent ascertaining the provenance rals of Lysi, Cyprus." The name may of the murals. Eventually, after letnow ring a bell. It hit the internaters had been sent by the foundational media when the Republic of tion lawyer to nine countries, the Cyprus took to court an Indianapo- Republic of Cyprus proved that the lis dealer about some sixth-century murals came from the church at mosaics removed from a church at Lysi, in the Turkish-occupied zone. The apse had been photographed murals came from the church at

pied zone. Dikmen was cited as the vendor, and Cyprus won the return of the mosaics.

around 1972, still retaining the monumental inscription that those who cut up the painting destroyed the apse, which, he emphasizes, do rest on a tall milky-glass drum and who cut up the painting destroyed

in the process. ed the murals as the property of the Orthodox Church and the foundation as their caretaker. The upshot s that they are to be housed in Houston on a 20-year loan.

MASTERLY restorawith the lightest possihle touch by the London restorer Laurence Morocco, It was the most difficult part of all, requiring the invention of oew techniques to find the original shape and pro-portion of the architectural shells - "the restorer had no access to the monument in a military zone." The restoration took more than a year and cost more than \$1 million. An art-historical study was carried oot by Annemarie Weyl Carr, which has likewise been published

how to display the murals? Dominique de Menil wished and the Cypriot religious hierarchy agreed to have them installed in a consecrated Orthodox church. But when the first project of a chapel in the style of the small monument standing at Lysi was submitted by a British architect, she was unenthusiastic. It struck her as an unnatural invitation underlined by the alien American surroundings

in the book. But all this still left

unsolved the ultimate problem -

"We don't want a fake," she said. In desperation she turned to ber son François de Menil, who, after working as a filmmaker, returned to college to graduate in architec-ture and was licensed in 1992. Like his mother, François de Menil rejects what he calls "phoni-

Cypriot authorities and the church stark modernity the he conceived. Menil made it clear that she regard- of Cyprus," he allowed his eye to steel on the inside) solves functional wander over the ground plans. In several he was struck by the original structure looking like "an interior object" within an enclosed area. In some, the outer rectangular shell

was clearly a later encasement.
"I was dealing with sacred reltioo was carried out ics," he said. "I should therefore create a reliquary." His second cooviction was that when creating the architectural fabric to which the dome and the apse must be attached, the opacity of walls had to be avoided. Otherwise it would

be back to phony reconstruction. His scale mock-up conjures up a spindly, part-translucent evocation of a 13th-century chapel. The arches

require a structure to relate to - the apse is likewise ensconced in Complex negotiations with the from the outer boxlike monument of glass. Several yards away, the outer enclosure (concrete walls visible lowed. From the outset, de Studying a book, "Painted Churches from the outside, a liner of plate problems, It ensures the required climactic insulation in this very hot and humid area. And the dome and apse bulls are suspended from its

roof, avoiding stress.

The outside is elegant in its simplicity. The inside looks postmodernist, with an eerily Dadaistic feel to it. The clinical eleanliness of the industrial materials is harsh on the subdued hues of the 700-year-old murals. The presentation has yet to be made to the Orthodox authoriquired will have to be raised. This will be no fake. It will look more like the future elbowing its way back into the distant past, to which the apparently supporting the dome are present time has caused such harm.

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France's Monuments Museum: A History of Change

By Michael Gibson

ARIS - When a German shell blasted the exquisite smiling angel of Reims ca-thedral to smithereens during World War I, restorers mrned to the Musée National des Monuments Français for help.

Inaugurated in 1882, the umse-um was the brainchild of the architect Eugène Viollet-le-Duc, savior and nemesis of much great French medieval architecture, which he both preserved and, at times, improved according to his own taste.

Viollet-le-Duc was convinced that the capital should set at the disposal of aspiring sculptors a lay, Bourges, Compues, Chabroad sampling of the best items of Paris and many others—me French sculpture that they could which represent the Second never hope to see as long as the ing and the Last Judgment.

aware, the smiling angel had been copied for the museum. Thanks to the cast they had it carefully replicated by a sculptor and set in place once the devastated cathedral had been repaired after the war. been repaired after the war.
Today the museum owns an ex-

ceptional collection of 6,000 casts of sculptures of all periods including Greek antiquity (portions of the Parthenan frieze) and items from Germany, Italy and Switzeriand — but its strong suit is the spectacular and delightfully imagi-native sculptures of the Roman-

which represent the Second Com-

works were scattered around the - The fact that all these widely charge. He obtained a budget of nized a festival of 20 Hollywood ton. Once there, chances are they country.

As the Reims restorers were viewed side by side provides a visi- accomplished wonders in matters jects — an entertaining notion.

Originally installed in a wing of the old gingerbread Trocadero Pal-ace, the museum remained stolidly unmoved when the building was rensodeled in the 1930s and turned into the neoclassical Palais de

About 5,000 of the admirably executed reproductions are permanently on view, but until three esque and Gothic perioda.

Among these are the tympanums of the carbedrals of Anmo, Vezz-lay, Bourges, Conques, Chartres, Paris and many others — most of the carbedrals of Anno, Vezz-lay, Bourges, Conques, Chartres, Paris and many others — most of the carbedral visitors to the control of th

of economy: One show put up with the help of private patrons proba-bly represents a record since it cost only 15,000 francs (about \$2,500). Surrounded by a team of dedi-

cated young assistants, he discovered that the museum owned 200,000 photographs that had been collecting dust for more than 30 years. They included a good deal of junk, but also 1,500 prints by Eune Atget.

The curators set to sorting them, making an inventory, restoring them and storing them in condi-tions of heat and humidity that have become standard practice in a modern museum.

They also started organizing reg-ular exhibitions. The first was de-In 1991, Gny Cogeval, an energetic young curator, was put in Marseille. More recently they orgavoted to the art and architecture of

Currently on view is a collection

of photographs done between 1936 and 1949 by the German photographer Herbert List (1903-1975). They include some fine aesthetic views of Greece and Greek antiquipowerful and poignam pictures of war-devastated Munich in 1946.

Another small exhibition is devoted to 19th- and 20th-century watercolors, a partial inventory of copies of frescoes in French Romanesque eburches. With these and other activities,

attendance rose. In 1991 there were 40,000 visitors, in 1993, close to 100,000. As the curators realized, people will be drawn to a museum by a temporary exhibi- on until Jan. 17.

With the change of government the fate of the museum has taken an unexpected turn in recent months. As a result of a decision taken by the Ministry of Culture in June, the building is going to be taken away from the Direction des Musées de France and handed over to the Direction du Patrimoine.

According to a spokesman for that administration, it will be turned into a center for archives and possibly a museum of the French national heritage. At pre-sent nothing is sure, and the minister is still waiting for a study of feasability.

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A TABLE OF GREEN FIELDS: Ten Stories

By Guy Davenport, 160 pages, \$21.95. New Directions.

Reviewed by Bruce Bawer HE'S hardly a household name, but for a small company of literate readers, Guy Davemport is almost a household god. His Greek translations, essays about cultural figures ranging from Homer to Pa-vel Tchelitchew, and densely allusive short fiction mark him as the son of consummately learned and reflective writer that any defender of Western values would consider an ornament of civilization.

Yet several Davenport stories, beginning with "The Dawn in En-whon" (1974) and including two longish yams in his new collection. "A Table of Green Fickis," make this highly disciplined classicist look, from some angles; like a hyperromantic hedonist. Typically set in Denmark - or, rather, in a notquite realistic land of robust health and perfect tolerance to which he gives that country's name - thesestories feature a cast of bright young people whose personal attachments from calculated cohoes are impossibly free of envy and raning juxtapositions.

cor and who have plenty of time to The book's title is a variation on a ability to connect p crease art, discuss ideas, and make line from "Henry V" in which a sent, self with other. love. Yet what these stories celebrate is not primitivism, as such, but the often primitive seeming arder with which bright young people discover their minds, bodies and environ-ment and which is the preduce to practically all artistic and intellectual accomplishment - in short, to the creation of those things we identify with civilization.

In "Gunnar and Nikolai," the bright young person in question is Nikolai, a boy modeling for a painting of Ariel. "Why was Ariel naked?" he asks the arrist Gunnar, who replies: "He was a spirit of the air Like an angel." For Daveaport, an ardent modernist and fizra Pound disciple who reverse Emer-son and Thorean, undiry is simply natural, and only good things flow from nature: Art emanates from and responds to nature; intellect is a means of understanding it, and

love is its purest expression. Don't look here for conventional plots and climaxes. Davenport's Thorean passage. And "The Kitchionger stories are chairy chronicles, en-Chair" explicates a sentence
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character, reporting Falstaff's death, says that he "babbled of green fields." The line has been read as a and underwear, more than its prepossible mishearing of a reference to Psalm 23. Several things about this title - among them the literary source, the pastoral image, and the psalm's affirmation of divine goodness - make it appropriate to the book. And its status as a variation on a possibly garbled secondhand quotation points to Davenport's in-terest in language's mysteries and the gaps, ambiguities, and apocry-phal elements that exist in texts both literary and historical.

That interest manifests itself here in a oumber of ways. Kafka, it is said, consoled a girl who had lost her doll by sending her letters signed with the doll's name; those letters never having surfaced, Davenport supplies them in "Belinda's World Tour." Another story, "The Concord Sonata," juxtaposes various interpretations of a cryptic

The book's title is a variation on a ability to connect past with pre-This book does have its problems. There's too much onanism

decessors, it feels like a grab bag. Yet its artistry redeems it. Neither a fast nor an easy read, it draws one in with its austere, beautifully formed sentences, its rich patterns of meaning, and its compelling, id-iosyncratic vision. In a literary culture insufficiently aware of its own past, saturated with banal and familiar notions, and overengaged with the self and the feebly comprehended present moment, Davenport's audacious originality, erudition, and historical imagination continue to impress and inspire.

Bruce Bawer, whose most recent book is "A Place at the Table: The Gay Individual in American Society. wrote this for The Washington Post.

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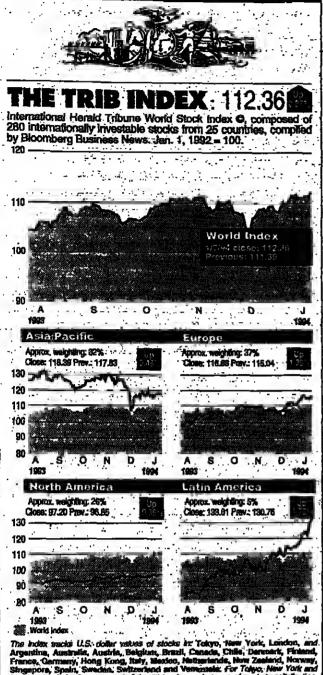
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Bears Paw Markets In Asia

But Analysts See Growth to Come

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches HONG KONG - The bear market that started in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur spread through most of Asia on Friday, but many analysis believe that the great East Asian bull run is not over.

Charles Clough, investment strategist at Merrill Lynch in New York, added his voice Friday to those of other recent skeptics. He said investors should sell Asian stocks and buy Latin American

In a signal that U.S. investors were major players in the fall of Asian markets, the Jardine Fleming China Region Fund plunged \$1.75 to close at \$23.25 on the New York Stock Exchange. Taiwan Fund lost \$2.25 to \$34.50, Thai Fund fell 3 to \$21.625 and First Philipping Fund \$31,625 and First Philippine Fund was off \$1,125 at \$20,25.

But many other analysts view the rapid dive that started in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, and spread Friday to Taipei, Singapore, Bangkok and Manila, as a temporary breather as

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VW Has a Bug for Its Ills

Carmaker Looks to Roots for Inspiration

By Brandon Mitchener
International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — Looking to
its past for a solution to its current malaise, Volkswagen AG working on an updated version of its Beetle, the small, efficient car identified with the company since its introduction in 1934. Unveiled at a motor show in Detroit, the so-called Concept 1 is officially described as an experimental car that VW might

never build. But the car, designed in California with an eye to that state's strict environmental legislation and to American taste, is Chairman Ferdinand Piech's answer to the company's dwindling market share, especially in the Unit-ed States, where VW sales have fallen from a peak of 500,000 in the early 1970s to less than 50,000 in 1993.

The Beetle is Volkswagen," said J.C. Mays, head of VW team that designed the car. Dietmar Fritsche, a spokesman at the company's beadquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany, said VW would "seriously consider" building the car if the reception it receives is positive.

So far that seems to be the case. Germany's populist daily Bild called the car huggable in a story titled "Everyone loves the as 1998, is rounder than its popu-



A model of the updated Beetle.

Teddy-Bug!" and the price of VW stock rose sharply. Alexander Trotman, chairman of Ford Motor Co., said, "If VW really builds this car, it will be a

remendons success. The original Beetle, which is still being produced in Mexico and recently re-entered production in Brazil, has sold 21 million cars worldwide since it was dreamed up 60 years ago; Hitler envisioned a cheap car that everyone could afford to own. Volkswagen means people's car in German.

The VW concept car, which could enter production as soon

lar ancestor, with roof and windshield forming a continuous curve from front to rear axle, its wheels protrude to the side to give the car an old-fashioned flair, but other features are modern: airbags, anti-lock brakes and a choice of three fuel-efficient engines. One major departure is that the engine will be mounted in the front of the car.

An electric version would also meet tough new emissions stan-dards that take effect in California in 1998 and are expected to become a standard worldwide.

VW needs a winner in North

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Westinghouse Bonds Downgraded to Junk

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s debt ratings were cut Friday to nominvestment-grade status by Moody's Investors Service, which cited the company's weak earn-ings. The change affects about \$4 billion in debt.

Moody's said the downgrades, which put Westinghouse's scalor notes and debentures in the "junk" category, were based on its expecta-tion that Westinghouse's efforts to rebuild its depleted capital structure will take longer than

Moody's cited "persistent weakness in operating earnings and operating cash flow" and blamed Westinghouse's problems on "weak global demand affecting certain continuing

the company's capital base. However, most of Westinghouse's core businesses hold key strategic positions in their industries and are expected to generate profits and cash flow necessary

to improve the company's equity position."

The downgrade can Westinghouse senior notes and debentures to Ba1 from Baa3. The new level represents securities that are predommantly speculative investments. Among the other Moody's changes. Westinghouse's commercial paper rating was cut to Non-Prime from Prime-3.

In November, Standard and Poor's Corp. gave the company an implied senior debt rating of BBB, two levels above junk bond status, and

a commercial paper rating of A-3.

Moody's said that although Westinghouse had made progress in reducing debt associated with its money-losing financial services operaman, said: "Lappreciate Moody's concern over tion, economic leverage will remain high.

Westinghouse has a large unfunded pension liability and significant amounts of legal and environmental contingencies, Moody's said.

When Moody's placed Westinghouse's debt rating under review in late October, it cited "increasing concerns" about Westinghouse's declining performance.

Westinghouse's stock fell 12.5 cents on the New York Stock Exchange to close at \$13.75 a

Westinghouse is coming off a dismal third quarter, during which profit from continuing operations fell 29 percent because of a downturn in most of its businesses.

Westinghouse's core businesses, particularly its environmental and electronic systems units, are performing "below the level we expected," Moody's said previously.

Unemployment In U.S. Sinks to A 3-Year Low

Rate Is 6.4%, While Pace Of Job Creation Stays Steady

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK -The U.S. unemployment rate sank in a three-year low of 6.4 percent in December, the Labor Department reported Fri-day, and job creation moved along at a steady pace that seemed likely to persuade the Federal Reserve Board that it did not need in raise

interest rates to ward off inflation. The bond market cooperated by bringing rates down.

The report that 183,000 jobs had been added in nonfarm payrolls in December was in line with other signs of an economy expanding at a moderate annual rate of 3 percent to 4 percent in the fourth quarter. Any figure much above 200,000 might have been taken by the Fed as a sign of strong growth that would risk overheating the econo-

Instead, two months of growth in manufacturing and construction leveled off, and most new jobs were in services. The workweek was unchanged, and wage inflation was at 2.5 percent, historically low in a

The December report, the government's first statistical overview of last month's economy, supported economists' findings that confidence is growing among business and labor and made it likely that job-creating investment would continue, with low interest rates and a rising stock market serving as the main attraction.

"For Clinton, it's golden," David D. Hale of Kemper Securities in Chicago said.

A day before the report came out, Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich was asked in forecast the ob-growth figures and put his foot firmly in his mouth by actually doing so. He said he expected the number of jobs to increase by be-creased hiring - 60 percent did so tween 160,000 and 200,000 - an (Bloomberg AFX) unexceptional guess, because it

would be just enough in mop up growth in the labor force.

Wall Street took this educated guess as inside information and noticing that the number was lower than its own consensus, sent bond brought down the rate from 6.40 percent to 6.34 percent on the 30year Treasury bond.

When Friday's number proved to be right in the middle of the labor secretary's predicted range, bond traders bid prices up again, bringing the yield down to 6.23 percent, and complained of having been trapped by Mr. Reich's leaking of the figure.

Some even called for Mr. Reich's resignation, but the White House rejected the idea. The next time he is asked that kind of question, Mr. Reieb "will just take a pass." said Gene Sperling, a White House eco-

Markets are nervous because they had been waiting for the Federal Reserve to pull the trigger and raise interest rates. There has been a widespread expectation that the central bank will raise the federal funds rate, which sets the wholesale cost of money to commercial banks, by one-quarter to one-half a point from the current low of 3 percent, where it has sat for a year.

David Jones of Aubrey Lanston & Co. warned that the Fed could not wait too long to act, if it wanted to stay ahead of any revival of inflation, and said it would probably move in March or April if firstquarter data confirm that growth did not fall back sharply, as it did in the first quarter of last year.

But in Chicago, Sam Kahan of Fuji Securities said he saw signs of moderation in the expansion. The number of industries reporting in-

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Say It Isn't So: Argument Over Movies — the Sequel

By Peter Passell

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New York Times Service EW YORK — "Married With Children" is coming! To the barricades! Of all the trade issues left lianging in the GATT deal, none aroused more passion than France's insistence on continuing protection against America's entertainment juggernant — and no other excuse for protection elicited so much sympathy from people otherwise inclined toward. free and open trade. Japanese rice-growers and American textile magnates may be

dismissed as sand in the wheels of progress, but who wants to What was the logic of see the people who brought us

Truffaut, Godard and Chabrol the 'cultural services' buried in an avalanche of Love Boats, Inside Editions and Mup-dehate?

That, however, is not the last word on the subject. Before France's victory becomes the stuff of myth, it's worth a closer look at the logic behind the protection of

The European Union requires all TV channels, public or private, The European Umon requires all 1 v channels, public of private, to carry a minimum of 50 percent European-made programming. France goes further, imposing a 60 percent minimum and enforcing the quota separately for prime-time shows. Then, too, Europe subsidizes local programming and films, often using taxes collected on movie tickets and video rentals to cover the cost.

Jacques Toubon, France's minister of culture, argues that the quotas and subsidies are needed to defend against the American industry's wish "to impose domination by any means."

Jack Valenti, the head of the Motion Picture Association of

America, dismisses that argument: "This is all the about the hard business of money," he concludes. Who's right? While America is larger and thus a seemingly stronger economic base than Europe, the American market is, in

fact, equally fragmented: On a per-capita basis, there are as many See CULTURE, Page 12

IMI Holders Set Plan for **Share Sale**

Compiled by Our Stoff From Disputches

ROME - Istituto Mobihare Italiano SpA, one of the largest banking concerns in Italy, said Friday that its shareholders planned to sell as many as 245 million common shares through a series of initial public offerings.

This includes the equivalent of 35 million shares to be sold in the United States.

Treasury Minister Piero Barucci will announce details Monday, the Treasury said. The offer he will be discussing will run from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, with shares to be priced at be-tween 9,800 and 11,000 lire (\$5.76 and \$6.47).

At least 30 percent of the offering is to be reserved for individual Italian investors. The Italian banking con-

cern, which has assets of about 71.8 trillion lira, is 59.8 per-cent-owned by the Treasury Ministry.

Another 25.4 percent of its shares are held by 30 Italian banks and financial institutions that are controlled by state and local authorities.

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(AFX, Bloomberg)

Metallgesellschaft Stock Plunges

icky investors abandoned the German engineering and metals group, jor stakes but Deutsche Bank is which has been devastated by buge also one of its largest creditors and losses from oil futures trading by a both banks have representatives on

after the company presented
Wednesday a proposal for a rescue
package to its creditor banks and
revealed that it faces potential
losses of as much as 3.3 billion
Description of the 10 main creditor banks on
Friday, according a report from
Agence France-Presse.

[The biggest creditor is Deutsche
Bank with 10.65 percent of the equity and an exposure of 540 million Deutsche marks (\$1.9 billion) for

the financial year ended Sept. 30, After closing at 278 DM a share on Wednesday, Metallgesells-chaft's stock finished at 220 DM a share on Friday. In the middle of November, when rumors of financial problems began circulating, the stock had been trading at 427 DM.
Metallgesellschaft, based in

est company, with 58,000 employ-ess worldwide and annual sales of about 27 million DM. Those losses were far beyond what had been predicted by Mctall-gesellschaft's previous managing board, which was forced out in late

December through a combination of firings and resignations after the oil-trading losses came to light. The sudden financial crisis at Metallgesellschaft has stunned

By Ferdinand Protzman Germany's close-knit business New York Times Service community, particularly since a BONN — The share price of metallgesellschaft AG plunged 21 banks have big holdings in the percent Friday in trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange as pan-German banks, not only hold ma-

the company's supervisory board. Trading in Metallgescllschaft [A German financial publica-shares had been suspended Thurs-day on German stock exchanges of the 10 main creditor banks on

uity and an exposure of 540 million DM, followed by Bayerisebe Landesbank with 540 million DM, Credit Lyonnais 242 million DM, Norddeutsche Landesbank 240 million DM, Societé Generale 235 million DM, Commerzbank 202
million DM, Dresdner Bank 200
million DM, Barclays 154 million
DM, Chase 149 million DM, and

BHF-Bank 136 million DML] Metallgesellschaft, based in Frankfurt, is Germany's 14th largeset company, with 58,000 employers a buy recommendation and believed the diversification into environmental technology that Heinz Schimmelbusch, the former chairman, pushed through over the past five years would pay off handsome-

ly in the future. Now it appears that only the company's core mining smelting and engineering divisions will remain intact and that many of its myriad subsidiaries will have to be sold to pare down its debt of more than 8 billion DM.

Karl-Josef Nenkirchen, Metallgesellschaft's new managing board hairman, said after meeting with

creditor banks that if the rescue package is not approved by next Wednesday, it will be forced in

declare insolvency.

Industry analysts said they believe the banks will accept the

Prosecutor's Office announced Friday that it has launched a criminal investigation directed at Mr. Schimmelbusch and Meinhard Forster, its former financial chief. Both men

were fired in late December. The investigation was launched after one of Metallgesellschaft's stockholders filed a complaint alleging that the two former managers had committed breach of trus and violations of German stock law, said Hildegard Becker-Toussaint, spokeswoman for the prose-

■ Rheinmetall Seeks Units The industrial products maker Rheinmetall Berlin AG repeated that it was interested in buying Bu-derus AG and Dynamit Nobel AG, two subsidiaries of Metallgesellschaft, according to a report by Bloomberg Business News from

"We have been interested in Buderus and Dynamit Nobel for three years," said Klaus Germann, a against Metallgesellschaft in take over the two companies in

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Falling Rates Send Dow to New Record

stocks rose to another record on Friday. The hroader market was also strong, led by shares of banks. brokerages and telephone companies, which were bolstered by a fall in interest rates

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 16.89 points to a re-

N.Y. Stocks

cord 3,820.77, ending the week with

a 66.68-point advance. Standard & Poor's 500 Index climbed 2.78 to 469.90, closing below its Dec. 28 high of 470.94. The Nasdaq Combined lodex rose 2.52 to 782.94, closing at its highest level in more than two months but below its Oct. 15 high of 787.42.

Ten common stocks were higher for every seven shares that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was heavy, with about 323.4 million shares changing hands on the Big Board.

"The market was huoyed by stock groups, like banks and telephooe companies, which do best wheo interest rates fall," said Bill Beise, a partner at Wessels Arnold

& Hendersoo in Minneapolis. The yield on the benchmark 30year Treasury bond fell 11 basis points to 6.23 perceot. The decline in rates occurred after the Labor Department said the economy added 183,000 jobs, which suggested the economy is growing more slow-

ly than previously thought.

The employment report prompted some analysts to predict the Federal Reserve will take longer than expected to raise money market rates

The S&P Regional Bank Index rallied 4.05 to 176.54, as Banc One

NEW YORK — Blue-chip 313.75, led by gains in BellSouth Corp. and Southwestern Bell Corp. Among brokerage stocks, Merrill Lynch & Co. gained 2 to 42's; Morgan Stanley Group Inc. rose 3% to 72%; Salomon Inc. surged 11% to 47%; and Charles Schwao Corp.

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Dow Jones industrial average

climbed 1% to 32%. But traders and analysis said the stock market will have a tough time making further gaios. "The thinking is interest rates have bottomed and will rise gradually over the next several mooths," said Daniel Marciano, senior vice president in equity trading at Dillon, Read & Co. As rates go higher, investors teod to switch funds to fixed-income securities from the stock market.

Gail Dudack, market strategist at S.G. Warburg & Co., said the Dow industrials may rise to 4,000 in the oext month or so and the market will then lose about 10 perceot of its value.

"One of our concerns is that interest rates are joching up," said Ms. Dudack.

Trading in shares of Paramount Communications, Viacom loc., Blockhuster Entertainment and OVC Network was halted late Friday. As the market closed, Viacom anoounced that it submitted a hid to acquire 50.t percent of Paramount shares for \$105 a share in cash. The offer exceeds QVC's proposal of \$92 a share in cash for 51 percent of Paramount stock.

At the same time, Viacom annouoced plans to merge with Blockhuster in an \$8.4 hillioo transaction. Blockhuster said it will pay \$55 a share for 23 million of incom's class B shares.

Paramount stopped trading on the NYSE at 79%, up %, Viacom Class B shares closed 1% lower at Corp. rose 1 to 38 and Wells Fargo 41; Blockbuster closed 1½ lower a & Co. advanced 3½ to 130%. The 28%; and QVC ended up 1¼ at 40% 41; Blockbuster closed 11/2 lower at

JOBS: Unemployment Rate at 6.4%

Continued from Page 9 in November - fell to 56.9 percent

last month. "The farther you get from Wall Street, the less need there seems to

be for the Fed to panic," he said.

Foreign Exchange "They are under political pressure not to raise rates, and wby should they unless they have to? They'll let the market go first, and then fol-

■ Dollar Gives Up Gains

The dollar tumbled Friday against major currencies as the December employment report suggested the U.S. economy was struggling to create jobs. Bloomberg Business News reported from New

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The dollar fell to close at 1.7275 Deutsche marks, down from 1.7446 DM on Thursday, and at 111.85 ven. down from 112.60 yen.

The dollar closed at 1.4660 Swiss francs, off from 1.4820 francs, and Bt 5.8828 French francs, off from 5.9250 francs. The pound rose to

Department said the U.S. economy gained fewer jobs than expected in December but some traders still remained optimistic that the dollar would keep climbing as more signs of recovery appear.

"The recovery is still in place," said Guy Standing, assistant vice president at Credit Lyonnais in New York.

The Friday data "diminishes pressure on the Fed to raise rates. but I think ultimately they will:" said Bill Arnold, chief dealer at Chemical Bank, "It just sets the timetable back a bit."

People still expect the Bundesbank and other European central banks to cut interest rates.

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Pacific Bell to Cut 10,000 Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO (AFX) — Pacific Telesis Group said Friday that it would take a charge of \$576 million in the fourth quarter to cover the cost of restructuring at its Pacific Bell unit, including the loss of 10,000 jobs by or restructuring at its Facific Bell unit, including the loss of 10,000 jobs by 1997. The company said the charge, along with unrelated charges of \$89 million, would cause fourth quarter earnings to fall by \$1.58 a share.

Of the job cuts, 3,000 will take place in 1994, with the balance spread over the next three years. The cuts are in addition to previously announced cuts of 11,000 by the end of 1994, from a work force of 61,500 in 1990.

Microsoft and Apple Go Compatible

SAN FRANCISCO (AFX) — Microsoft Corp. and AppleSoft Division of Apple Computer Inc. said Friday that they had agreed to ensure compatibility of the messaging and directory systems of Apple's Macintosh and Microsoft's Windows systems.

The companies said they would also provide customers with the software to share information across the two systems. They said the agreement included support of Apple Open Collaboration Environment capabilities and for Common Mail Calls on both systems.

Merck Retracts Schizophrenia Drug

WHITEHOUSE STATION, New Jersey (AFX) — Merck & Co. said Friday it had withdrawn from review by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration new drug applications for the tablet, oral concentrate and injection formulations of Roxian.

Roxiam, discovered by Astra AB of Sweden, was being developed by the Astra/Merck Group, which markets Astra products under license in the United States to treat acute and chronic schizophrenia.

Merck said it acted in December after reports of aplastic anemia in patients using the drug in Europe, where it has been introduced in 15 countries. Astra is in talks with regulators in Europe about the withdrawal of Roxiam for the treatment of schizophrenia.

VIACOM: Blockbuster Merger

al telephone company Bell South and a number of media giants, had been valued at \$92 in cash, or \$9.8 billion, but is probably worth less now that the battle has depressed QVC's stock. The bid had been on the table for several weeks while the Paramount board considered it against the bid by Viacom and its allies, which had been valued at \$9.3 billion.

The deadline for a counterbid by iacom had been midnight Friday. Mr. Redstone had to turn to Blockbuster for more money because Nynex, the regional Baby Bell that was backing him, came under pressure by regulators and consumers not to devote any more of its cash flow to the deal.

At 3:20 P.M. Friday, just before the close of the stock market, the major exchanges simultaneously announced suspension of trading in shares of the four main players. The new tender offer was announced at 4 P.M., and with it a merger between Viacom and Blockbuster, with Mr. Redstone as chairman and Wayne Huizenga, another buccaneering en-

trepreneur who built a firm from nothing, as vice chairman.

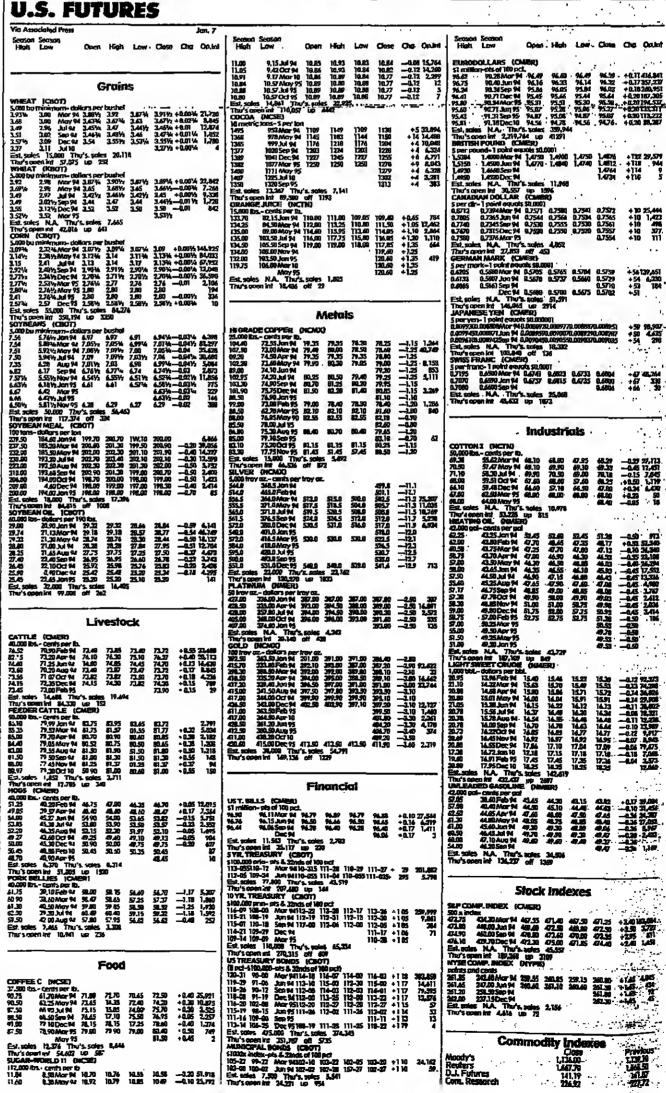
Blockbuster had already put up \$600 million in cash to support Viacom's bid and now will join forces with it. Some Wall Street analysts said it would have to do so because in the long run Blockbuster's video stores were a wasting asset against the video-on-demand envisioned in the new technology. and Mr. Huizenga had implicitly recognized this by trying to buy into a motion picture studio that could churn out what the entertainment business calls "product" for

the new channels. Paramount's huge film library and its Hollywood studio, the last one available now or in the foreseeable future, made it a likely target in the media giants' war of posi-tion. Whether a hastily cobbled together enterprise of two different cultures will be able to exploit the

opportunities remains to be seen. Mr. Diller was reported consulting with his backers about more cash but also has questioned whether the price has already gone

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Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches MADRID — Depositors have York. The run is a powerful do-pulled about 300 billion pesetas mestic incentive for them to come (\$2.06 billion) out of Banesto since up with a plan soon." the Bank of Spain took over the lending institution on Dec. 28, a

spokesman said Friday. The withdrawals amount to about 9.5 percent of the previous immediate danger of a liquidity deposits at Banesto, whose full crunch. "The thing to remember is name is Banco Español de Crédito that the withdrawals are not by SA. They add to pressure on the sophisticated customers, but by Spanish government to design a small retail customers," he said. rescue for the troubled bank.

Separately, Mario Conde, who was ousted as chairman of the bank, said Friday he would challenge his dismissal in court. He and I. P. Morgan & Co. Separately, Mario Conde, who other former executives, who have not made any public statements about the affair since they were removed, plan to give their side of the Banesto story on Tuesday.

Banesto after the government said abilities. it lacked the resources to cover its -

The outflow of deposits has put pressure on the central bank to But along with disenfranchising the come up with a solution to the crisis, major shareholders, such a write-largely to ease the effects it is having off would also affect small invesin Spanish financial markets. Bank stocks, in particular, have been bat- ers. tered since the takeover.

Kidder, Peabody & Co. in New

Mr. Paulsen said that with more than 1 trillion pesetas in liquid assets and a deposit guarantee by the Bank of Spain, Banesto was not in

The price of saving Spain's

The Bank of Spain has asked other Spanish banks to contribute what is believed to be 250 billion to emoved, plan to give their side of he Banesto story on Tuesday.

The central bank took control of tween Banesto's assets and its li-

> Some analysts have said they expected Banesto's current equity to be written off as part of the rescue. tors among the 240,000 sharehold-

"If you had a lot of moms and "I think you'll see an announce ment within a couple of weeks." Mr. Paulsen, "they would probably said John Paulsen, vice president in ask why the Bank of Spain didn't charge of fixed-income research at act before."

How to Ski Up in a Down Market

Bloomberg Business News

PARIS - Like snow in the Alps, good news keeps piling up at Skis Rossignol SA and Salomon SA.

The world's top two makers of skiing equipment, back from steep losses only three years ago, predict their profits will continue to rise and their market shares will grow more anding, thanks to a string of successful new products and management choices that have helped withstand Europe's recession.

"There's good snow so far this winter in Europe and the United States, and that's more good news for us," said Jean-Jacques Bompard, Rossignol's treasurer, as he looked at the Alps from his office near Grenoble.

Barren mountains and the U.S. recession set back both French companies in 1990 and 1991. Heavy snow, a U.S. upturn and cost cuts helped bring them back. But they owe their upward swing more to playing the global labor and capital markets, and to capitalizing on brand recognition by diversifying.

The share price of Rossignol, which makes skis and boots for alpine and cross-country skiing, has soured 143 percent, to 2,201 French francs (\$371), on the Paris stock exchange in the last year. Shares in Salomon,

which makes ski boots, bindings, and accessories, bave risen 25 percent, to 2,202 francs. Both companies had record losses in the financial year that ended March 31, 1991, because of overproduction, a third straight year of poor snowfall and losses from currency transactions. Since then, the companies have taken more sophisticated approaches to currency movements.

At Rossignol, for example, 29 percent of sales are made in dollars and 23 percent in yen, providing a balance that shields the company from wide swings in either currency. Profit margins are fattening up, since onethird of the company's skis are manufactured in Spain and all its boots are made in Italy. countries whose currencies have been devalued by more than 20 percent against the French franc in the last 15 months.

Diversification has also helped the compa-nies weather the weather. Rossignol had produced only skis. Now, just four years after it began making boots under its own name and acquired a Swiss-Italian bootmaker, Lange. downhill ski boots now account for 22 percent of sales. Its world market share in ski boots now is 16 percent and rising.

At Salomon, diversification and the cur-

rency markets have played an even greater role. For most of its 45 years, the Annecybased company was known only for bindings. Today, it holds a 44 percent world market share for downhill-ski bindiogs and 60 per-cent for cross-country bindings. In the early 1980s it added cross-country and downhill boots, and in 1984 it acquired the U.S. golfclub manufacturer Taylor Made.

Golf equipment now accounts for 23 percent of Salomon's revenue. Its cross-country shoes have a 40 percent world market share, a position made all the more profitable hy assembling the shoes in Morocco. South Korea and the Czech Republic.

his downhill skis, about twice the price of typical downhill skis, also are runaway hits, thanks to slick marketing. Salomon in 1990 launched the so-called monocoque ski, made of one main piece rather than layered.

Rossignol predicts a net profit of at least 90 million French francs for the financial year ending March 31, compared with 36 million francs a year earlier.

Salomon's turnaround from 1991 is even

more remarkable. After a loss of 257 million francs that year, the company bounced back to a small profit in financial 1992, and to 95

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Preussag To Aid Unit In France

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches HAMBURG - Preussag AG, a German steel, nonferrous metal and industrial conglomerate, said Friday that it would inject as much as 150 million Deutsche marks (\$86 million) into its ailing French sub-sidiary, Metaleurop SA,

The news sent Preussag's stock skidding on the Frankfurt market, where it closed 15.50 DM lower, at 451 DM, despite an assurance from the company that its annual profit would still be satisfactory.

Preussag, which owns a majority share in the Paris-based company, will buy 49 percent of Metaleurop's galvanizing and casting plants in Germany. These plants are now wholly owned by Metaleurop.

Wednesday to post much larger my O'Reilly, for £20 million (\$29.7 million), it was reported Friday, which ended Sept. 30, than the pre-167 million francs (\$28 million).

it said profit would he down significantly, partly because of a \$170 million charge for closing dozens of its supermarkets in the United states, said it had a net increase of 84 stores in 1993 and planned to

The Belgian concern does busi-ness in the United States as Food open 40 to 50 more in 1994. Food Lion said its same-store Lion. In Salisbury, North Carolina, sales rose 2.9 percent from a year Food Lion Inc. said it would close earlier in the fourth quarter of 88 stores in 1994, affecting about 1993. For the year, however, same-3,500 employees. It cited poor fistore sales fell 2.6 percent. nancial performance at individual

Food Lion's president and chief Delhaize, Super Discount Markets francs a share.

percent to 53.6 billion drachmas (\$214.2 million), Delhaize said. One outlet was opened at the end of November, and further expansion is under study,

At the Czecb unit, Delvita, sales more than tripled to 769 million koruoy (\$26.1 million) from 239 million koruny the previous year. Delhaize said sales in Belgium

were up 2.3 percent in 1993, to 93.3 billioo Belgian francs.

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Delhaize expects to pay an unAt another American unit of changed dividend for 1993 of 20

Delhaize Sales Rise, Food Lion Hurts Profit Very briefly:

Akzo NV predicted that profit for the fourth quarter of 1993 would be higher than a year earlier, though figures are not yet available: the chemical company said results in the United States were higher while those in most European operations had lagged.

• Ahold NV said 1993 group sales rose about 25 percent to 27.1 billion guilders (\$13.93 billion), largely due to the consolidation of Schuitema NV, a Dutch wholesale food concern.

. Short Brothers PLC, an aerospace company and the largest employer in Northern Ireland, said it would cut 429 jobs from its payroll of 10.129.

 Russia's government said that wages had more than doubled in dollar terms in the last year and that the average monthly wage was worth about \$104 in December.

· Portugal's cabinet decided to increase the maximum stake that foreign companies can acquire io privatized Portuguese companies to 25 percent: the limit has been gradually raised from 10 percent.

• Kvaerner A/S said its German shipbuildiog unit, based in Warnemunde, had won orders to build five container ships worth more than 1 billion Norwegian kroner (\$148 million). Reuter, Bloomberg, AFP, AFX

Commerzbank Lifts Payout And Sets Stock Issue Terms

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FRANKFURT -- Commerzbank AG said Friday that it would increase its dividend by 20 percent and raise 945 million Deutsche marks (\$540 million) through a previously announced stock issue. The bank said it planned to raise its annual payont to 12 DM for 1993 from 10 DM the previous year.

Announcing terms of its 1-for-10 rights issue, Commerzbank said the new shares would be priced at 315 DM. The bank's stock rose 2.50 DM on Friday to close at 382.50 DM.

Friday's statement also hinted that the bank would shortly announce new activities in insurance.

The chief executive, Martin Kohlhaussen, had said in November that the bank was considering a dividend increase, but he did not say by how much. He also said there would be a rights issue, a form of capital raising under which shareholders are offered new stock at a fixed ratio to their existing holdings, and usually at a discount.

Michael Wand, an analyst at BHF Bank, said Commerchank was

German banks and to ensure that its capital costs do not rise as a result of low ratios." The rights offer is for a nominal value of 150 million DM. equivalent to 3 million shares with a par value of 50 DM. The subscription period runs from Jan. 24 to Feb. 7. (AFX, Bloomberg)

seeking to raise its core capital-asset ratio to more than 5.0 percent

from 4.5-4.6 percent now, "to bring it into line with the other major

Irish Group in Talks On The Independent

Agence France-Presse A Preussag spokesman said the company would also make a loan to Metaleurop. The purchase and the loan would total between 120 million DM and 150 million DM.

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France Is No Longer in Recession, Balladur Asserts

PARIS - The French ecocomy emerged from recession a few weeks ago, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said Friday.

In a New Year's message to journalists, he said, "As of a few weeks ago, the economy of our country is no longer in recession." He did not elaborate.

Mr. Balladur said the government aimed to prevent the country's unemployment rate, already at 12 percent, from rising further this year but did not believe there would be a rapid end to the problem.

Also on Friday, at a ceremony inaugurat-

ing the Bank of France's monetary policy council, Mr. Balladur said the oew independence of the Bank of France should strengthen the "international credibility" of the franc.

He pledged to "scrupulously monitor" the Bank of France's freedom from political in-fluence and told members of the council— which was established to define and implement monetary policy independently - they should oever seek or accept instructions from

the government. lo economic oews, the Paris Bourse closed a record-setting week with another high of 2,307.55 points oo the CAC-40 index, up 1.4 percent oo the day, and the government an-nounced a seasonally adjusted trade surplus for October of 8.70 billion francs (\$1.47 hil-

The October surplus compared with a revised surplus of 9.91 hillion francs to September. The government had originally reported a surplus in September of 9.57 billion francs.

The figures showed a fall in imports in October to 87.89 billion francs from 91.77 billion in September. Exports fell to 96.58 billioo francs from 101.68 billion. (AFP, IHT, Reuters)

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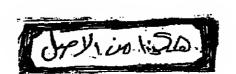
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China Sets Minimum Wages

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BEIJING — China amnounced ic growth," the official said. Inflation in urban areas is running at will require employers in urban areas are than 20 percent a year, according to recent Chinese governance of the control of the Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches hour -in Shanghai and \$32 to \$38: a month in the southern boom towns of Shenzhen and Zhuhai.

Instead of a fixed national minimum, Being decided to impose a sliding scale based on local wages. It requires provinces and municipalities to guarantee every worker at least half the average wage in his

The wage order follows numerous calls by worker groups and others for a measure of protection against inflation, job losses and exploitative employers.

With layoffs increasing at staterun companies and a surplus rural labor force of 100 million ready to pour into the crites, China is very much a buyer's market for labor.

"The minimum wage will guarantee a reasonable standard of living for employees at a time when the gap is widening for different groups," a Labor Ministry official said; according to the China Daily. "A critical target is low-wage earners who have been affected by

Foreign companies and investors have been targets of increasing criticism in Chinese media recently, ac-

Beijing Cautions On Social Unrest

HONG KONG - Signs of China's concern that economic reforms may trigger unrest surfaced in a Beijing run newspaper Friday, quoting an unnamed leader as warning that money supply and public works were headed for un-sustainable levels this year.

The report Thursday in Wen Wei Po followed one Thursday in the independent Ming Pao daily, saying that Beijing had cautioned local officials to beware of potential unrest. China's state-run papers rarely report strikes, but reports of work-

er unrest have risen since the gov-(AP, Bloomberg)

lems existed in some state-run enterprises that had been contracted out to individual managers.

China also announced Friday what it called experimental measures simed at granting more autonomy to state-run companies in setting salary levels.

A senior Labor Ministry official said Beijing would test the salary system at 100 state enterprises, granting them full decision-making powers in setting and raising wages —as long as salary increases do not exceed "a rate representing eco-

nomic efficiency."

The official, quoted by Xinhua news agency, also indicated that the companies chosen for the experiment would be allowed to fire workers if necessary in the name of

The 100 companies were chosen at the end of 1993 to be experimental participants in a "modern enter-prise system," in line with decisions ernment phased out the system of made at a party plenum in Novem-fixed wages and lifetime job tenure. ber on reforming the debt-ridden state sector. (UPI, AFP)

Guangzhou Traders Raided

HONG KONG - Chinese authorities raided six futures trading companies in the southern city of Guangzhou on Thursday night, a Benjingbacked newspaper said Friday.

The Hong Kong-based Wen Wei Po said some of the companies were operating without permission and some were badly managed and hurting their customers' interests. It did not specify what action was taken against them.

The raids are the latest sign that China is seeking to crack down on some of the excesses that have arison in its nascent futures industry.

Late last year, allegations of fraud hy investors whose money had disappeared led to a shutdown in trading at a joint venture futures broker in Chongqing, an industrial city in Sichuan province. That broker involved Hong Kong investors and

traded in Philippine commodity futures. The raids in Guangzhou, the capital of Guang-

dong province, were the first after the publication of new rules for futures companies in December that require them to re-register with the provincial authorities. Wen Wei Po said. Some of the firms were involved in foreign-exchange futures trade, the paper said.

The sale of futures contracts to greenhorn investors in China is a vivid illustration of the problems China's regulators face in trying to keep pace with the free-wheeling capitalism that has sprung up in the country in the last two years.

In November, the state-run China Daily newspaper said the authorities would close 61 futures brokerages that are partly or wholly foreign-owned and start registration of all futures exchanges.

In recent months, the press has been packed with accounts of huge losses by speculators tracking international currency markets and of Hong Kongfunded brokerages cheating naive Chinese investors.

Japan to Seek End of Securities Tax

TORYO - The seven parties in e governing coalition agreed that the tax on securities trading should be abolished and set a figure of more than 7 trillion yen (\$61.84 billion) for Japan's next fiscal stimulus package, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun reported Friday.

ment is being diverted to China and

India, Indonesia and the Philip-

pines recently announced measures

to further liberalize their econo-

After a 66 percent fall in foreign

vestment in Malaysia in 1993,

Rafidah Aziz, Malaysia's minister of international trade and industry.

said Thursday that the government

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Mr. Bhaskaran said that liberal-

ization and reform in China and

India "by virtue of their size will

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Ending the tax would help Japa-uon. The current nese brokerages save 10 billion yen is to end Jan. 29. a year in taxes, Mark Faulkner, a securities analyst at S.G. Warburg & Co., said. Given their low profits recently, that will make a differ-

ence on their earnings, he said. Stocks of Japanese brokerage Ten-year government bonds for houses, and the Tokyo market as a March delivery, the most active fuwhole, surged on the news. Yamaichi Securities Co. advanced 36 yen 660 on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, and Nomura Securities Co. gained 50 to 1,940. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average rose 242.02 points, or 1.35 percent, to close at

8,124.01. Several oews reports said the coalition had decided to unveil its long-awaited fiscal stimulus around Jan. 20 but to delay until February announcing the size of the proposed income-tax cuts and

how it would finance them. The chief cabinet secretary, Masayoshi Takemura, has said the government would compile a third supplementary budget for the current fiscal year and the general

The report said the proposal to abolish the tax would be among the measures in the stimulus package. budget for the new year, which begins April 1, after the parliament approved political reform legislation. The current legislative session

> Meaowhile, Japanese bood prices surged as institutional investors encouraged by a successful auction on Thursday resumed active bidding, traders said.

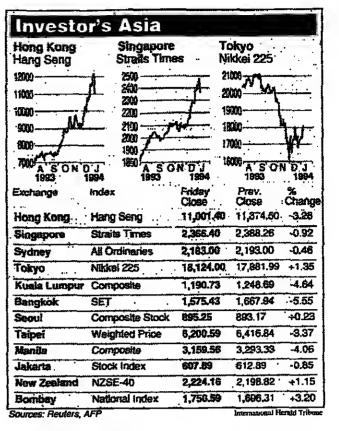
tures contract, closed at 118.30, up 0.62 on the day.

"March futures will definitely head toward 119-120 yen next week." Satoru learashi, a trader at Nissan Fire & Marine Insurance Co., said, surpassing 118.59 yen, the record high price for Japanese bond futures contracts, which was reached in June 1987.

The yield on the benchmark 10year issue fell to 2.975 percent from

3.005 percent Thursday. The bond market has been helped by delays in the govern-ment's stimulus plan, which some traders and analysts had been expecting Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa to announce several

weeks ago. (AFX, AFP, Bloomberg)



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Very briefly:

Volkswagen Audi Nippon KK, the Japanese unit of Volkswagen AG, predicted it would sell 39,600 Volkswagen and Audi cars in Japan this year, compared with 24,873 in 1993 and 42,083 in 1992.

· Asahi Breweries Ltd. said it would acquire the 50 percent of Hokkaido Asahi Breweries it did not already own.

NEC Corp., which cootrols more than half of Japan's personal-computer market, said it was considering supplying its popular PC-98 series to Dell Computer Corp. of the United States.

 Shanghai stock market volume in 1993 jumped 660 percent from 1992, to 500 billion yuan (\$57.61 billion), the weekly oewspaper The Shanghai Star said, and market capitalization rose 440 percent to 20.7 billion yuan. Framatome SA, Westinghouse Electric Corp. and Combustion Engineering Systems Inc. have bid to supply reactors for Taiwan's fourth ouclear

power plant, Taiwan Power Co. officials said. Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's 17 member nations are likely to hold their first finance ministers' meeting in March, possibly in Hawaii, Japanese officials said.

Accor Asia-Pacific said the Australian hotel operator's shareholders had approved an issue of 70 million common shares to raise 61 million Australian dollars (\$47.9 million) to finance expansioo in China.

Reuters, AFX, AFP, Bloomberg, AP

\mathbf{ASIA} : China and India Are Towing Other Regional Economies Along

Continued from Page 1 Singapore and Thailand that are facing rising labor costs can "maintain their export competitiveness by relocating lower end manufac-turing activities to China to take advantage of the much lower wage levels there," said Friedrich Wu, head of economic research at DBS

Analysts expect a similar expansion of economic links to occur with India, where reforms launched in mid-1991 have opened the country to foreign investment, cut protectionist barriers and floated the

the Singapore office of Merrill able to sustain their momentum Lynch & Co. said that he expected without falling victim to major India's gross domestic product to trade disputes, mismanagement or year beginning April 1. The economy is on target for 4.8 percent

growth this year.
Indian analysts said that when
Mammohan Singh, the finance minister, presents his annual budget oext month; he is likely to cut corporate taxes, deregniate interest rates, reduce subsidies and tariffs, expand convertability of the rupee and pursue privatization.

Robert Broadfoot, managing di-rector of Political & Economic Risk Sanjoy Chowdhury, chief econo. Consultancy Ltd. in Hong Kong, mist for the Asia-Pacific region in said that if China and India were

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> "Other Asian economies that can effectively promote integration with these two up-and-coming gi-ants should also prosper," he said. But those Asian countries that "fail to ride on China or India's coattails will have to develop much more creative formulas for growth or risk being relegated to the periphery of where the real action is in Asia," he warned.

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MARKET: Bears Paw Asian Stocks but Analysts Still Expect Growth

Kong stocks, self Malaysien and Philippine: shares and logy more Japanese equities; does not tepre-sent a major exit of funds from the

region.

Miron Mushkar, chief economist on Asia for Lehman Brothers, said Asian markets might pause at lower levels for a while as investors come to terms with steep gains in the past year. But they will likely

rise again in the medium term on . But prices on the Tokyo Stock ents reduce their weighting of

Kong said: "I think there is still investor interest in this region and especially in Hong Kong because of the China opportunities."

In Asian markets on Priday, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended down 3.28 percent, Bangkok stocks fell 5.55 percent, Taipei idosed down 3.37 percent, Kuala Lumpur dropped 4.64 percent, Mania shares shed 4.6 percent and Singapore cased 0.92 percent.

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Kong stocks wifel Malaysian and the Philippines.

Traders said prices on the Tokyo Stock cats reduce their weighting of Hong Kong stocks to 7 percent from 8 percent of a global portfolio and liquidate their holdings and the Philippines. Nomura had previously recommended 2 percent holdings in each of these markets.

late trading on reports in the Nihon
Keizai newspaper that Prime Minister Mooihiro Hosokawa's sevenparty coalition was considering an
elimination of the securities transaction tax as part of an expected
economic stimulus package.

Buying by foreign investors also
pushed up the Nikkei, said Tomoatsu Yamamuro, a trader with
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Humility: Accept No Substitutes

EMEMBER the death of indexa-tion? It seems that the reports were a little premature, if the early rumblings from the mutual fund statisticians looking at the results of 1993 are

The business of compiling and collating dollar performances from all internationally available mutual funds is lengthy and com-plex (which is why readers will have to wait until next week for the definitive international survey), but already one conclusion can clearly be drawn: Last year may have been great for the markets, but it wasn't quite so good for the managers who pick the stocks in the markets. In other words, the world's fund managers, who are paid to know better than the next person and pick better stocks, are still failing to beat the

Which is why talk of the death of indexation is premature. It doesn't require a doctorate in the school of superficial cynicism to argue this thesis: The real genesis of indexa-tion and the perfect-market theory that goes with it stemmed from a general lack of com-

petence among fund managers.

Faced with results consistently worse than the returns of the market average, many managers found it extremely convenient to discover that the market they were trying to beat was in fact a perfect mechanism. Thanks to advances in computer technology, improved research, etc., it was supposedly impossible to better the market's valuation of a security.

That argument provided some healthy self-justification for the ever-expanding uni-verse of fund managers for a while. The logic of it led many to buy computer systems and avail themselves of inexpensive index-track-ing techniques, sit back and wait for the money to roll in.

Then the tables turned. Many managers began to beat the indexes. Maybe they were due to do so according to some obscure cyclical law. Maybe they just got lucky.

The result was that with more than the usual quarter managing to beat the index, some managers got bold and said that they really should be beating the indexes after all. So if it is correct that the indexes are back on top again, wait for another glut of index funds and further defenses of the indefensible perfect-market theory.

A Fearless Gaze Into the Future Our Experts, Mainly, Expect a Robust Boom in 1994

By Martin Baker

INANCIAL analysts and commentators are paid to have a view. And the more elegant the view, the The opinions offered to readers at the beginning of last year by our selected analysts were models of cogent reasoning and well-structured financial analysis. Unfortunately, they were, in the main, wrong.

The most common error was excessive

caution. This time round, critical opinion is much more bullish. Readers must draw their own conclusions. Here are two possibilities: Either the well-paid financial community is finally getting it right, and is about to let its clients accumulate some wealth of their own, or its optimism is a negative indicator - and

a good sell signal.

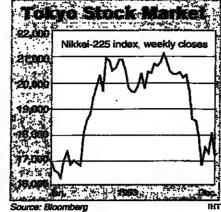
We offer their opinions, some embellished by price information, without further com-

Chrissy Keen, director, investor com-munications, Fidelity Investments:
 The Japanese market has seen a volatile

period recently. Investor sentiment is decidedly negative and many international investors are very underweight in Japanese equities. Concern surrounds the political, economie and corporate earnings environ-ment and it would appear that there is little to be positive about. However, the next few months could see a number of developments.

"On the political front, the government has appeared shaky at times, but should be able to achieve its goal of political reform and this will be perceived positively for long-er-term developments. As far as the economy is concerned, another stimulatory pack-age is expected and this could include a further interest-rate cut, and rates could fall to as low as 1 percent. Income tax cuts are also expected in order to help stimulate consumer activity.

"Japan's economic problems have been exacerbated by the strength of the yen, but lower interest rates, together with a different U.S. attitude to the yen is likely to lead to some further weakening of the Japanese cur-rency, and this could be a key factor m changing sentiment. With some of the ex-porting companies being among the first to have rationalized their businesses, a weaker yen, combined with stronger U.S. growth, is likely to boost exports. Not only could this help to stimulate the economy but it should also lead to good corporate earnings growth in some areas of the market. At present,



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corporate earnings and we believe the upside potential is being underestimated.

"The timing of a change in sentiment is always difficult to predict, but over the coming months we could see a big swing in favor of Japan, particularly as the realization grows that the earnings outlook is better than currently estimated."

 Arnab Banerji, chief investment officer.
 Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets Ltd.:
 "Colombia stands out as having one of the colomous stands out as having one of the strongest economies in Latin America. With abundant natural resources, an extremely hardworking and entrepreneurial work force and a thriving private sector, the country managed to register a growth rate of 3.5 percent a year right through the 1980s; a decade of travail for the rest of the continent.

Unlike many of its neighbors, during this



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period Colombia continued timely servicing of its foreign obligations — without resort-ing to debt restructuring — resulting in a credit rating for government debt that is matched only by Chile. However, compared to many other markets in the region, Colombia has now underperformed. This is now set

"Alongside Mexico, Argentina and Chile, Colombia has embarked on a radical program of economic reform that seeks to enance the role of the private sector and open up the economy to the world market. The 'Apertura' program of President César Ga-viria Trujillo has resulted in the abolition of many nontariff barriers and the lowering of import tariffs from an average of 44 percent to 12 percent now. Just as importantly, from the market's point of view, foreign investment rules have been liberalized, exchange controls eased, the tax system rationalized and a privatization program embarked upon. Our view is that the economy is capable of sustaining a growth rate in excess of 4 percent a year for the rest of the decade.

"Like other countries that have undertak-

en market-friendly reforms, there is increas-ing attention being paid to the local bourse. Falling inflation and interest rates combined with strong earnings momentum are now drawing both domestie and foreign investors into the equity market. Experience elsewhere in the emerging markets suggests that the relatively small size of the bourse in relation to the absolute size of the potential demand could result in a very large price surge. By way of example, similar policies resulted in the Venezuelan equity market soaring (m dollar terms) by 551 percent in 1990 and Argentina's by 397 percent the following year. However, being the conservative peo-ple we are, we'll stick with our forecast of a 35 percent return in 1994!"

 Paul Murray-John, GT Management: "1993 has been a bonanza year for both established and emerging bond markets. Against a background of falling short-term interest rates, falling inflation and meager deposit rates, investors have felt confident. enough to reach for yield by extending dura-

tion and exploring emerging bond markets. "As fixed income investors look forward into 1994 the prevailing mood is one of cautious optimism. Economic activity will remain out of step around the world and inflationary pressures will remain subdued. This suggests that there remain good opportunities for healthy positive returns from many fixed income markets. The best re-turns though, are likely to be found within

the universe of emerging bond markets.

The fact that the past year has been so rewarding in these markets should not deter investors, although it does argue for a more selective approach and a careful analysis of relative value. Many of these countries will continue to undergo a credit rerating as they integrate more fully with the international trading community following the conclusion of the latest GATT round, and thus attract new investors. In this environment the attraction of higher yields and the benefits of diversification will prove irresistible to fixed

income money managers.
"Those countries with Brady deals [international bond guarantees] in place will pro-



vide the most appropriate instruments for new investors to gain exposure to emerging debt markets and it is here, and particularly in Latin America, that one is likely to see the best returns in 1994. Mexico is likely to achieve an investment grade credit rating in 1994, partly as a result of the successful conclusion of NAFTA. However, Argentinian fixed rate bonds are likely to provide the best returns in the region.

The impressive economic achievements of recent years in Argentina have been forged through a commitment to defending the peso-dollar peg with a tight monetary policy. This economic policy now looks to be secure over the longer term following the recent constitutional agreement allowing President Carlos Saul Menem to run for another term. Next year attention is likely to focus on the possibilities of a credit rerating to investment grade, which will encourage fixed income investors."

Michael Coulson, gold analyst, Crédit

Lyonnais Laing, London: The price of gold will rise spectacularly, not just through \$400 an ounce, but through \$500 an ounce. Factors will be more demand than supply, continuing currency turmoil, and problems with national deficits."

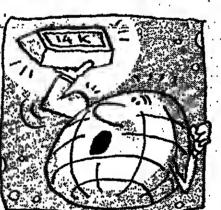
man Bros., New York: "There will be a shocking jump in Japanese consumer spending in the second half. as import prices collapse and Japanese re-

ers. By 1995, Japan starts to look like the United States did in 1985 and 1986. If you've been to Japan lately, this scenario is not that far-fetched. Prices in Tokyo are about twice as high as they are in Paris, and Paris isn't exactly Des Moines."

· William H. Overholt, managing director, Bankers Trust Co., Hong Kong; author of "China: The Next Economie Superpow-

"1994 could see a tremendous further collapse in the Japanese property market, which could take the Japanese stock market and banking industry into an even further down-

 Laurence Freeman, joint managing director, EquitiLink Group, [Australia's largest independent fund management group);
"There are steady increases in physical demand for gold and growing concerns



about inflation. But political events in Russia and South Africa especially will push

gold to higher prices this year.
"What's happening now in South Africa now is the worst possible outcome. We're now seeing black and white groups versus other black and white groups," a reference to the recently struck alliance between conservative Zulus and militant far-right Afrika-

"Any effort by any group to stop gold production at a single mine, a very likely scenerio in the next six to 12 months, could create the impression that production could come to a halt. That would send gold prices

rocketing.
"Even if gold only goes to \$480 there are Richard Mosely, director, Jardine Flem-ing Unit Trusts Ltd., Hong Kong: "Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping could pass away. And historically, the transition of power in China has not been a smooth pro-Serge Ledermann, European market an-alyst, Lombard, Odier & Compagnie, Gene-

"European stock markets, many of which climbed between 30 percent and 50 percent in 1993, will not fall off to more 'normal' rates of return in 1994 as most people expect. Instead, they will perform equally as well as they did in 1993. Also, the Swiss football team will win the World Cup."

Gordon Muir-Carby, Central European pecialist, Smith New Court Securities, Lon-

"The new Turkish government, following the general shift toward peace-seeking that we've seen on the West Bank and in Northern Ireland, could succeed in bringing the Kurdish separatists to the negotiating table. Were that to happen, the positive effect on the Turkish market, which grew 181 percent in 1993 in dollar terms, would be substan-

 Peter Everington Regent Fund Management, Hong Kong:
"Just about anywhere but Hong Kong

equities is the place to be in 1994. "We see Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index rise of 115.6 percent, and more of the same since the New Year, as being too much too fast. We have recently sold everything in

Hong Kong.
"A combination of economic overheating • Dr. Robert J. Barbera, economist, Leh- in China and balance of payments crisis, steep inflation in Hong Kong and a top for high real estate prices makes Hong Kong too

risky a place to hang around."
"We are now favoring Taiwan and Korea, tailers break ties with their domestic suppliand Sri Lanka, Pakistan and, to a lesser

extent. India, to continued investment in Hong Kong where a serious correction is due that will have negative impact on other highpriced markets in Malaysia, Thailand and large Asian companies

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"Hong Kong is way overvalued and Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore have reached where they should be at the end of 1994,"

• William Arah, Marathon Asset Management, London:

"We are very positive about the long term implications of economic growth in the emerging world but many of the related equity markets have clearly run ahead of nselves. We can best tap into these new... demand centers through multinationals that are increasing their expositre to these mar-kets. A good example would be Yamaha Motor [of Japan], which has become the largest motorcycle company in China."

 Andrew Gregory, investment director, Kleinwort Benson Private Bank, London: "Overall, we're optimistic about shares in 1994. We think that in general, they have a way to go, and we expect interest rates to

case — particularly in Europe.

Specifically, we see two good calls in smaller companies, which have not benefited from the meteoric rise in stock markets in the way that their larger brethren have, and privatizations. Europe has a major round of privatizations to come, and the opportunities are immense."

"Our other major area of interest is Japan. We expect interest rates to fall. That will boost shares in itself, and will also contribute to a progressive weakening of the yen that. will enhance corporate competitiveness internationally. Despite multiples looking extended, we expect that after write-offs Japa-

nese company profits will rebound this year.
Our final thought is that at some stage ion 1994 there will be a correction in equity prices as investors take profits. Historically, cash is a very attractive investment when it looks to provide an unappealing rethin against other investment media — as is the case now."

· Barry Woolf, chief investment officer, Mercury Fund Managers, London:
"We believe that for the fourth year in a row there will be modest overall world eco-



nomic growth. We expect inflation to remain low, and believe there is further scope in falls in interest rates. We expect insilier progress m both equity and bond markets. Nevertheless, there will be periodic worker ... volatile stock markets are likely.

"We would recommend an underweight-ing in the United States where the market will no longer be assisted by interest rate

There remains further upside in the U.K. stock market. In the context of sustained economic growth and low inflation, the interket is attractively valued relative to Conti-nental Europe, where markets should benefit from further interest rate declines.

"In Japan it is probable that competate" profits will show little recovery in 1994 sweat before major corporate restructuring. In this situation yen bonds remain a preferred asset

"Outstanding growth prospects assis over the medium term by the recent GATT agreement will continue to justify invest ment in the Pacific Basin and emerging plan-

"Evidence suggests that investors will want to increase their exposure to them. providing further support."

Interviews conducted by Rupert Bruce Philip Crawford, Aline Sullivan, Kevin Mirphy







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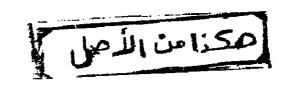
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Cashing In the Market's Year-End Bonus

Worst Performers

By Conrad de Aenlle

NE of the few seasonal stock market phenomena that seem to hold up to analytical scrutiny and, better yet, can actually be taken advantage of by real people with real money is the January effect. This is the tendency in the United States - take a look at the current market -for share prices of smaller companies to outperform those of bigger ones during the last few trading days of December and the

big ones short at the same time. The values are calculated using closing way not to do it, says Mark Hul-prices. So even if the stock in the

cial Digest, is to use individual stocks. Commissions, and the spread in the buying and selling prices of smaller, more thinly trad-ed shares can erode and even elimi-

nate profits. And, of course, you can pick the wrong stocks. The bid-asked spread can be a real killer. A stock that trades at \$5 a share might really be offered for sale by market makers for \$5.125, while the price at which they will buy the shares might be \$4.875, a

difference of about 5 percent. One way around these difficulties is to use funds. Transaction Exploiting the effect involves costs are cheaper, funds are diversibuting small companies and saling fied, of course, and their net asset

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example above can only be bought A better method, one that pro-for \$5.125, it is valued at \$5 in a duced a gain in each of the last 11 fund that holds it.

A strategy Mr. Hulbert men-tioned in a recent issue involves buying an index fund of small-capitalization stocks and shorting a from 3.25 percent in 1985-86 in a new invention known as Spiders, or Standard & Poor's 500 depositary receipts, which are essentially shares of an index fund traded on the American Stock Exchange. Mr. Hulbert calculates that doing this on the first trading day after Dec. 19 and closing out the positions on the last trading day before Jan. 10 would have been profitable over the last five years. That's true even after figuring in commissions, but most of the gain

would then have disappeared.

spread position — of \$10,000. Transaction costs are not added in. but these would total no more than \$60 to \$70 using a discount futures brokerage. Despite the increasing attention to the January effect over the years. there appears to be no noticeable diminution in the profitability of this particular strategy," Mr. Hul-

years, is to buy a funces contract on the broad-based Value Line in-dex and sell one on the S&P 500,

holding the positions for the same

three weeks. The profits ranged

whopping 67.5 percent a year ago. That assumes an initial margin —

the equity needed to hold the

But, he adds, in a warning for anyone contemplating such speculation, "this futures contract strategy will be too risky for some. Consider, for example, the strateg potential profits and losses as percentage of the \$10,000 initial margin you would need to set it up. If it moves unfavorably this year to the same extent it moved favorably last year (which is entirely possible, after all), then you will lose some 67.5 percent of the amount invest-

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2 Cheers for Inflation-Protected Bonds

By Baie Netzer

HEN equities boom most other investment media pale in comparison. Nevertheless, last year was an excellent year for bond investors, with double-digit yields common. And this. don't forget, from securities that are relatively safe and stable— qualities that inspire some commentators to call for bonds as their

preferred investment medium for the new year. "Investors look at the simple nominal return on an index-linked bond and say that's not high enough," said lan Shepherdson. U.K. economist for Midland Global Markets in London. "But they're suffering from a money illusion. They don't realize that this is the best possible product to protect themselves against hazards such as

While conventional bonds carry the risk that rising inflation will eat away at the value of investors' payments, index-linked bonds raise interest payments and often capital value in line with increases in a country's retail or consumer price index. But because the bonds guarantee an inflation-adjusted return. the simple yield they offer was recently only 3 to 4 percent.

An additional problem is that

Brazil and Russia ignite.

Britain dropped out of the Europecommission. Banks and brokerages bond with no inflation protection." an exchange rate mechanism, or will also buy them for customers ERM, in September 1992, the re- for a charge. sulting uncertainty led an enormous rally in index-linked bonds.

Experts say the bonds are also well suited to conservative invesaccording to lfty Islam, fixed in-tors because principle is guarancome strategist for Merrill Lynch teed, unlike such other inflationin London.

Since then, however, fears of inexcludes mortgage interest payments) has dropped below 3 percent to a 25-year low, according to Mr. Islam. Investors who previously went wild for index-linked honds now find the 3 percent yields somewhat sungy. Many have returned to conventional bonds. But for individuals heavily in-

vested in any of the four main issuers' currencies, experts say these securities are still among the smart-Index-linked bonds, on the other

the four major issuers of index- individuals to buy. In Britain, the linked bonds — Britain, Canada. Bank of England has already issued much but people don't realize they Australia and Denmark — don't more than £20 billion (\$30 billion) are looking at a guaranteed real spark the kind of inflation fears in face value of the bonds. They are vield." said Mr. Shepherdson. among investors that names like sold in denominations as low as "And because of that guarantee, £1,000 and investors can buy them the yield is going to be less than That is until crisis crupts. When through the Post Office free of

hedging investments as gold. The issuer of the bonds in each country flation have eased as the underlyis usually the federal reserve banking inflation rate in Britain (which guarantees as conventional Trea-

sury bonds. Retail buyers of index-linked bonds have tended to purchase shorter maturities, according to Mr. Shepherdson. That's mainly because the longer-term 20- or 30year bonds don't seem to offer investors the higher yields they normally require to take on the risk of

est ways of hedging against the risk of inflation. At Kemper Securities in Chicago, Charles Ovis, a foreign and global trader, notes that huying such traditional inflation-hedges as gold can be expensive and cumbersome for individuals. 10- and 30-year conventional govhand, are generally convenient for ernment bonds.

what you'd see on a conventional

However attractive the indexlinked bonds are for local investors. experts say it doesn't make sense for international investors to try to purchase index-linked bonds unless they are heavily weighted in the currencies in which the bonds are

"There isn't really much demand for them right now from foreign currency buyers," said Kemper's Mr. Ovis. "In general, foreign currencies buyers are looking for larger returns and shorter-term ralli than these type of mild-inflation hedges can provide.

And for conservative investors who just can't bring themselves to accept a stodgy 3 percent yield, experts say they may do just as well sticking to conventional bonds in the near term. Mr. Islam of Merrill Lynch says he is counting on inflation in Britain to remain low over the next 12 months.

As a result, I think conventional U.K. bonds will outperform the index-linked bonds over the near

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- but sterling checks are required). This is the first installment of two, with the second due in six months. So the minimum investment overall is £2,000.

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Lions' Key vs. Packers: Sanders

PACKERS (9-7) at LIONS (10-6): KEY

STAT: Packers' Sterling Sharpe has NFL record 112 catches and team made 36 sacks in last 10 games; Lions have won 9 of past 14 at home vs. Green Bay and team had NFC best

14 players with at least one sack.
COMMENT: The Packers and Lions have met 127 times in the regular season — includ-ing Detroit's 30-20 victory last Sunday — but never in the playoffs. Both teams pressure the

NFL MATCHUPS

quarterback effectively and the Lions were better in the last meeting; they lorced four Brett Favre interceptions. The Packers must realize that less from Favre means more.

Expect Coach Mike Holmgren to make several changes in the Packers' game plan, espe-cially trying to establish the running game more with Edgar Bennett, whose nine rushing touchdowns tied Emmitt Smith for second best in the NFC. But expect Lions quarterhack Erik Kramer to outplay Favre and for Barry Sanders's likely return to spark Detroit, Oddsmakers favor the Lions by I point, STEELERS (9-7) at CHIEFS (11-5): KEY

STAT: Steelers' Neil O'Donnell has 14 TD passes, seven interceptions and Steelers' over-all defense first in AFC; Chiefs are 7-0 at home this season and 8-0 in all games where they rushed 29 times or more.

COMMENT: Pittsburgh makes its second straight trip to the playoffs in two seasons under coach Bill Cowher, while the Chiefs

Coslett Fired by Jets

The Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, New York - Bruce Coslett, who never bad a winning season in four years with the New York Jets, was fired Friday as head coach and replaced by defensive coordinator Pete Carroll.

The Jets' general manager, Dick Steinberg, cited a disagreement in coaching philosophy about the way the offense would be handled. Coslet, 47, is the third NFL head coach fired since the season ended Sunday. The Redskins fired Richie Petitbon and the Falcons dismissed Jerry Glanville.

under coach Marty Schottenheimer make their fourth straight trip.

Last season, the Chiefs were ripped by San Diego, 17-0, in first-round playoff action; it was that game that forced Kansas City's brass to realize that its defense was one of the league's best but that its one-dimensional, run league's best that its one-timenstonal, this offers would get the team nowhere in the postseason. Enter Joe Montana. This is why Montana was acquired, in help take the Chiefs to the next level in the playoffs. Chiefs by 8.

VIKINGS (9-7) at GIANTS (11-5): KEY

STAT: Vikings are 11-5 in road games under coach Denny Green, 10-4 in such games out-doors, and the offensive line has not allowed a sack in club-record 14 straight quarters; Gi-

ants are 6-1 in last seven playoff games, and Phil Simms in eight postseason games has 10 touchdown passes and four interceptions.

COMMENT: The Vikings have the physical

stature on defense to stay with the Giants and the offensive continuity under Jim McMahon to mount consistent drives. The Giants allowed the fewest points (205) in the NFL this season, compared with Minnesota's 290.

How Minnesota handles Giants' rushing attack is the key factor. If the Giants run handily, they win. If the Vikings can handle the run, they are in the game until the final gun. Kick returner Dave Meggett and punter Mike Horan should be the factors that push Giants into the second round. Giants by 6½.
BRONCOS (9-7) at RAIDERS (10-6):

KEY STAT: Broncos' John Elway led AFC including career-low 10 interceptions, and tight end Shannon Sharpe made 81 catches; Raiders' Jeff Hostetler is team's first quarterback to pass for more than 3.000 yards since Ken Stabler in 1979, and he is 25-15 as a

Ken Stabler in 1979, and he is 25-15 as a starter, 3-0 in the playoffs.

COMMENT: "I know we can beat this team," said Broncos' coach Wade Phillips after Denver lost, 33-30, in OT at the Los Angeles Coliseum last Sunday. Denver lost twice to the Raiders this season and has dropped six straight at the Raiders. The Raiders' speed and elupiumness at present runs the Presence for elusiveness at receiver gave the Broncos fits last Sunday. Raiders by 21.

These matchups were prepared by Thomas George of The New York Times. Odds were provided by Harrah's.



Court Level,

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Trail Blazers

The Portland Trail Blazers came to town with their backcourt tandem of Clyde Drexler and Terry Porter out with sprained ankles.

But the playing field — or the court in this case — was leveled by the absence of the Charlotte Hornets' stars Larry Johnson, out with a sore back, and Alonzo Mourning,

out with a sprained ankle. In a matchup of the remaining healthy players. Portland came

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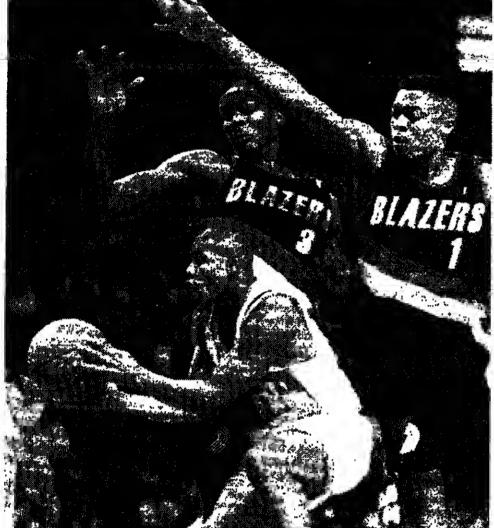
back from a 21-point deficit to beat Charlotte, 116-110, on Thursday, Down by 20 at the half, Port-laod's coach, Rick Adelman, screamed at his team,

Portland forward Cliff Robinson got the message. He scored 21 of his 29 points in the second half. The Hornets made a final 7-1 run after the Blazers took a 15-point

lead on a jumper by Jaren Jackson with 2:48 left. Charlotte closed to 114-110 oo Hersey Hawkins' 3pointer with 32 seconds to play. Knicks 92, Bucks 86: In Milwaukee, the Knicks seemed to stop playing with 514 minutes left, and the Bucks, who coce trailed by 21,

went on a 17-2 run to get within 85-

80, but John Starks made five straight free throws for New York. Warriors 102, Spurs 98: In Oak-land, California, the Spurs had 71 rebounds - the most in the NBA this season — and the Warriors missed 22 of 43 free throws, but San Antonio had 26 turnovers to Golden State's eight and the Warriors survived despite nearly blowing a 15-point lead with 2:58 to play.



Charlotte's Mugsy Bogues got past Cliff Robinson, left, and Rod Strickland, but Portland triumphed.

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W. Virginia Snubs Temple's House Rules

It doesn't happe very often --12 times in 11-plus seasons to be precise: Temple lost a home game. The seventh-ranked Owls were beaten by West Virginia, 49-47, Thursday on a rebound basket by Pervires Greene with two seconds

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

to play. Since John Chancy took over as coach at Temple for the 1982-83 season, the Owls have a record of 96-12 at McGonigle Hall. "We'll take it very gladly, no matter how it looked," said West

Virginia's coach, Gale Catlett, The pressure showed in the shooting. The Mountaineers (8-1, 2-0 Atlantic 10) were the better team at 37.7 percent. Temple (6-2, 1-1) was at 28.8. They also combined for 32 turnovers.

have problems with players in-side." The victory was the Moon-tainetrs tighth straight short a sea-son-opening loss to Virginia Tech.

Pac-10) won their eighth straight over the Ducks and 26th in 29 meetings at Faule, Pavillon. One gon (4-6, 0-1) scored the first two Ricky Brunson, who finished

with 14 points, tied the score 47-47 with a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left. West Virginia's Ricky Robin-son rebounded an airball 3-point attempt, but was too strong with the follow. Greene, who scored 13 points, then put in the game-winning basket. No. 4 Kentucky 84, Notre Dame

59: The Wildcats (11-1) won their ninth straight game and tied a school mark with their 30th consecutive victory at Rupp Arena, Kentucky, led by Tony Delk's 16 points, forced a season-high 34 turnovers and led by 25 points five-minutes into the second half. The Irish (4-6) were led by Monty Wil-

"There's going to be more like that," Chaney said. "I've been saying this, I've said all along that we points each as the Bruins (8-0, 1-0)

15 points and leading scorer John Assaechi was held to four points. gon (4-6, 0-1) scored the first two points of the second half to get

within eight points, but were never closer. Freshman guard Kenya Wilkins led Oregon with 17 points. No. 11 Louisville 80, South Florida 56: The Cardinals (10-1 1-0 Metro) won their 10th straight behind a balanced attack led by Greg Minor's 19 points. Louisville's Chifford Rogier, who accord 14 points and had zier, who scored 14 points and had nine rebounds, left the game with 4:42 left with a right thigh bruise. Jesse Salters led the visiting Bulls (7-

4, 0-1) with 11 points.
No. 15 Wisconsin 71, Penn St. 56: The Badgers (10-0, 1-0 Big Ten) are off to their best start since 1911-12, when they won 15 in a row. Michael Finley had 23 points and visiting Wisconsin pulled away throughout the second half, leading

No. 23 George Washington 89, Rutgers 69: Yinka Dare had 20-

points and 13 rebounds as the Co-lonials (7-3, 1-1 Atlantic 10)cruised at home to break a two-game losing streak. George Wash-ington led by at least 17 points over: the final 15 minutes. Waliyy Dixonpaced the Scarlet Knights (3-6, 0-2) with 14 points.

No. 24 California 70, Washing, ton St. 54: Lamond Murray had a career-high 36 points, the most for a Cal player since Mark McNa-mara had that many against UCLAin 1982. Murray was 10-for-12 from the field, including 4-for 4 on 3-pointers. Jason Kidd added 13 points, eight assists and five steals for the Golden Bears (8-2, 1-0 Pac-10), who won their sixth straight. The visiting Cougars (10-3, 0-1), by as much as 20. Michael Jennings led by Tony Harris' 14 points, were led the Nittany Lions (7-3, 0-1) with held to a season-low in scoring.

Baseball Revenue-Sharing Deal Eludes Owners

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispasches ROSEMONT, Illinois - Neither snow nor

fog nor cold kept major-league baseball club owners from their appointed rounds.

They made it to their first revenue-sharing meeting in oearly five months, despite bad weather. But after going round and round in various sessions, on Thursday they fell one vote short of adopting a plan that would bring peace among the owners and the start of labor negotiations with the players.

The owners, who several times during the day divided into three separate caucuses, took votes on four plans that would increase the amount of local revenue the clubs would share.

A plan proposed by the teams considered to he in the high-revenue bloc received only 11 votes, but an amended form of a plan put forth

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voted against the Ravitch plan, but the high-revenue caucus Thursday comprised eight clubs: part of the equation, and the second will be a more difficult one." Boston, Baltimore, Colorado and St. Louis. The debate will continue when owners recon-

vene in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Jan. 17-19. "I'd be a liar if I said I hadn't hoped we'd come to a conclusion today," Ravitch said.
"We've been at it a long time and it would be nice if we got on to the main event of negotiating with the union."

Even is a plan is passed, it won't be implemented unless the Major League Baseball Players Association agrees to a salary cap. That is unlikely without a work stoppage.

by Richard Ravitch, the owners' chief labor "There will not be revenue sharing without a executive, received 20 votes.

Adoption of a plan requires 21 votes. No one would disclose the identity of the eight clubs that tive council. "We all understand this is the first-

> While teams divided into two sides in August, they split into three this time. In addition to the high-revenue bloc, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Montreal, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Seattle formed the small-revenue caucus. The other 13 clubs were in the middle.

When the owners meet in Fort Landerdale." they also intend to vote for a new commissioncr. Harvey Schuler, the U.S. Olympic Committee executive director, and Arnold Weber, president of Northwestern University, etc. considered the front-runners. (NYT, AP):

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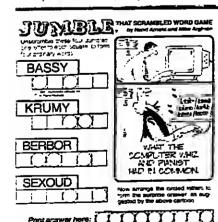
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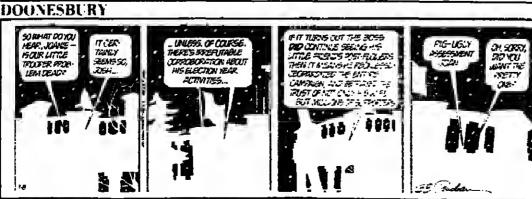
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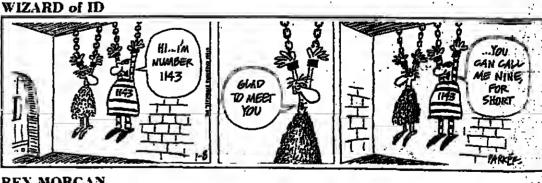
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Violence on Athletes: Time for Sports World To Redouble the Guard

DETROIT — Robert Altman caught it perfectly in the climacic scene of his masterpiece film. "Nashville," when a couple of dozen characters converge on a concert, and the most anonymous, the least interesting character, suddenly commits violence on the neurotically

Altman understood the dangerous sure that surrounds a star, particular larly a female star, but the people who min sports have been slow to comprehend the fierce passion that gips the unbalanced frings out there. Now they may be getting a few content chees.

As of this writing we do not knew anything about the min who whacked Nancy Kerngan in the leg

Thursday, threatening her bid-for a national figure stating championship and a place in the Olympic Winter Games. The man was able to bolt

right up to her and hit her with something hard, enough to send her umbling to the red carpet, screaning as she went down.

How could a stranger get this close just when Kerrigan had finished an

"open" practice?

The guards at the arenas inspect our reporters' badges and make sure; we don't wander into forbidden zones, so it makes you shudden to single how much somebody must hate another person to stalk her to the edge of her dressing room. And it is not the first warning.

Let Avail a long raping Gitter Parche swaggered out of the stands.

Last April, a loner named Gilnter Parche swaggered out of the stands at a tennis tournament in Hamburg and stabbed Monica Scies in the back. The knife penetrated only an inch or so, not enough to kill her, just-

enough to keep her out of tennis ever since.

The man with the knife was a Steffi Graf fan who just wanted to make sure his favorite player advanced in the rankings. He got a suspended sentence, which only told me that German judges can be as myonic as their American counterparts.

The tennis players know there are some strange people out there. They talk of the remarks, the hard-breathing calls an inchouse phones, the letters, the stalkers who appear from nowhere, psychological flashers.

This wasn't exactly a surprise in figure aktuing, either. Tonya Harding had to abandon an event last year after receiving death fittents.

Athletes and performers and politicians appear in public all the time under death threats, but the man with the binnt instrument was a real-

threat.

We can't begin to fathom the emotions triggered off by a woman who performs in public. There are millions of dollars to be made from that visceral impression that Diana Ross or Barbra Streisand or Madonna is singing directly to you or me.

Is it getting out of hand in sports? And are you and I implicated?

Athletes are being judged on their performance and their persons. I've had fun with Seles's giggles and her accent and her intent self-promotion when she was halfway through her teens.

Should I feel analysis Those the Common accent and her intent self-promotion.

Should I feel guilty? Does the German sporting press feel guilty for turning Graf into an exile?

ERRIGAN appears to be a shy, vulnerable young woman who is not quite convinced she is a great skater of a rawing heavy, but she performs in a whirit of filmy costumes and bright colors and layers of makeup and bright lights and pounding music, and critical judges and

fans and writers.

I once described a Kerrigan gown as being borrowed from the movie.

The Bride of Frankerstein." I thought it was a furmy line at the time.

It's what we're expected to do in hig sports business these days. We're one line artists, rabid hosts banking. "Loser! Loser!" on the talk radio. The assassins "out there" hardly need encouragement from us.

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No Comeback For Seles at Australia Open

New York Times Service Monica Seles, who has not played a match since she was stabbed in the back on April 30 while competing in Ham-burg, announced that she would not play in the Austra-ian Open later this month. Seles, No. 1 at the time that

supporter of Steffi Graf, would have been attempting to win her fourth consecutive Australian Open, the Grand Slam event in which she holds an unblemished record of 21-O. Seles has not set a timetable for her return but in the past had indicated that if she were forced to miss the Australian

she would not harry back. The player, 20, had recently accelerated her practice and training sessions in an attempt to be ready for the Australian, which starts Jan. 17. But Seles, now ranked eighth, said Thursday that she thought she owed it to herself and her fans not to return until she can play at the level that has come to be

expected of her. Her representatives, International Management Group, said there was no connection between her withdrawal and the attack on Nancy Kerrigan.



Jana Novina stretching for a return in her victory over Anke Huber in the Hopman Cup final Friday.

Czechs Topple Germans to Win **Hopman Cup**

The Associated Press PERTH, Anstralia - Petr collection. Korda swept aside the challenge of Bernd Karbacher in just 67 minutes on Friday to lift the top-seeded Czech Republic to victory over Germany in the final of the Hopman Cup team tennis champion-

Korda trounced Karbacher, 6-3. 6-4, to give the Czechs a winning 2-0 lead after Jana Novoina defeated Anke Huber, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, in the

opening women's singles.

Korda celebrated the victory by ordering champagne to be served courtside during the mixed dou-bles, which the German pair won 8-3 in a pro set.

He won seven straight games from 3-3 in the first set, taking a stranglehold on the men's singles.

Earlier, Korda was far more

Karbacher, ranked 54th in the world, tried to slug it out with lefthander Korda, but could not match

the Czech's power or accuracy.

Korda, who won the Grand Slam Cup in Munich in his final match of 1993, began the new year by adding

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And the German skater Katar-

ina Witt was harassed by a man

who sent her obscene and threaten-

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another title to his rapidly growing

He hit his groundstrokes with tremendous venom and was devastating when he advanced to the net. Korda, who is ranked 12th in the world, was unbeaten in singles throughout the week and under-lined his supremacy over Kar-bacher by winning 12 of the last 15

points in the first set. "It is a great start to the year for me," Korda said. "I'm healthy and

I'm enjoying my tennis."

The German appeared ham-pered by a hamstring injury during the second set. He railed briefly, saving a match point and breaking back after Korda led 5-2.

Karbacher got back to 4-5, but attack-minded Korda then held serve to 30 for the victory after squandering a further two match

"I tried everything, especially at the end, but I felt like a spectator on court," said Karbacher. "If he's playing this well there isn't much you can do. He's playing some of the best tennis you can imagine, so there is no shame in losing to him."

Novoma, in contrast, took almost two hours to grind her way to victory over Huber in the women's

The 19-year-old German blasted her way through the first set in just 33 minutes, but Novoma then clawed her way back with some Two other female skaters have been targets of threatening behavaccurate serve-volley tennis that inin November, Tonya Harding cluded seven aces. had to forgo competing in an event

"I just hung in there and tried to be more aggressive and that paid off in the end," Novoma said.

Huber tried to vary her game and hit some effective backhand winners but the powerful Novotna made fewer errors in the decisive ing mail. He was convicted in 1992 set, winning the last four games, and was sentenced to 37 months in a psychiatric facility and ordered

Huber had her chances, but converted only one of her five break points in the final set.

Witnesses to the attack on Kerri-"Anke played some short balls gan said there was little security at and used the angles well, so it was very tiring." Novotna said. the arena. Joan Ryan, a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner, said reporters were able to enter the

The loss was Huber's first in four Hopman Cup singles, while No-votna improved to 2-1 this week.

SKATER: Kerrigan, Injured by Attacker, Forced to Withdraw From U.S. Championships

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pionships or did not win a medal in the previous world cham-doctor said there was no fracture. pionships. Although Kerrigan was fifth at the 1993 world champion-ships, she was a favorite for a medal at the Lillehammer Games next

But the U.S. Figure Skating As- rest. sociation president, Claire Fergu-son, said the organization's inter-national committee could place athletes on the Olympic team. The top two finishers at the national championship qualify for the

"Certainly there is a rule that would allow for the committee to pick the members for the Olympic team," Ferguson said. Kerrigan, 24, suffered a bruise

fied man hit her with a heavy bar

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ALL GROWN-UP By Mel Rosen

on Thursday after a practice session at Detroit's Cobo Arena. The

Bradley said Kerrigan was examined on Thursday evening and again Friday. Based on those ex-aminations, doctors determined that it would be better for her to

"She was not able to bend the kneefully," Bradley said. He added that she would undergo a magnetic resonance imaging scan early next week to determine the extent of the damage, but that she could heal in time to compete in the Olympics. It was the second attack on a

major athlete in less than a year. In April, Monica Seles was stabbed during a tennis match in Germany and still cannot compete. on her right knee when an unidenti-

Kerrigan's coach, Evy Scotvold,

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said Kerrigan was "very deter-mined" to skate in the Olympics. On Thursday, Kerrigan was doing what she had done a thousand times, going through her program in practice on the eve of an impor-

tant competition. Stepping off the ice, she stopped to talk to a reporter. A stranger approached and, in a flash, the secure world of figure skating was shattered. Kerngan crumpled to the ground, screaming, "God, why me? Why me?"

Kerrigan's father, Daniel, picked her up and carried her off. The assailant escaped by using the instrument to smash a Plexiglas door, which was chained shut, and

disappeared into a crowd. Kathy Smart, a skating coach, said she saw the man videotaping the practice session. She said he

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was "sweating a lot," but he also appeared to be wearing a creden-

On Friday, the police revised their description of the assailant, saying two witnesses believed he was a light-complexioo black in her hometown of Portland, Oreman," The deputy police chief, Benny Napoleon, said the police were pursuing "several leads."

The police originally said they had been searching for a white man wearing a black leather jacket.

"How do you get out there after someone's done that to you?" wondered another skating coach, Frank Carroll, who had unknowingly identified Kerrigan to the assailant minutes before the attack. "How do you concentrate on the triple lutz-double toe loop when you don't know what kind of madman's

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Orioles agreed to a \$10.25 million, three-year contract. "We are happy to have Brady in the fold for the long term," the Orioles' general manager, Roland Hemond, said Thursday. "He's become a very productive player and is a key part in our effort to bring a permant to

Anderson hit 263 with 13 homers and 24 steals in 142 games last season. Despite missing 15 games with the chicken pox and sore knees that hampered him through the first half, Anderson led American League leadoff hitters last season in extra base hits with 56 and RBIs with 66. Anderson, who was eligible for arbitration, made \$1,855,000 last season. He gets a \$250,000 signing bonus, \$3 million in 1994, \$3.25 million in 1995 and \$3.5 million in 1996. The Orioles have a \$4 million option for 1997 with a \$250,000 buyout.

In 1992, Anderson became the first American League player to hit 20 homers, steal 50 bases and drive in 75 runs in one season.

Golfers Name Price as Year's Best

CARLSBAD, California (AFP) - Nick Price of Zimbabwe was named 1993 player of the ear by his fellow golf players on the U.S. PGA Tour.
Price had already won similar awards from the U.S. PGA and the Golf Price had already won similar awards from the U.S. PGA and the Gold Writers Association. Price, 36, won four tournaments in 1993 — the Players' Championship, and the Hartford, Western and St. Jude events. Vijay Singh of Fiji was voted rookie of the year. Greg Norman of Australia, the reigning British Open champion, won the Byron Nelson Award for low scoring average with a 68.9 average.

Burglar Shoots NBA Player Stewart

BALTIMORE (Reuters) — Larry Stewart, a forward with the National Basketball Association's Washington Bullets was shot and wounded early

Friday after confronting a burglar who broke into his home.

The team announced that Stewart, 25, a third-season player, who was also stabbed by the burglar, was taken from his suburban Baltimore home to a hospital where a spokesman said the wounds were not life-threatening. ing. His assailant escaped, the team said.

For the Record

The senior golfer Dave Stockton shot a 67 to take a two-shot lead over The senior golfer Dave Stockton shot a 07 to take a two-shot lead over both the senior and regular PGA Tour players in the first round of the Tournament of Champions in Carlsbad, California.

Some 3,000 fans turned out to watch Franz Beckenbauer, Germany's former national soccet team coach, take charge of his first training session at the German club Bayern Munich on Friday.

(Reuters)

Mario Lemieux, the Pittsburgh Penguins star and four-time National Hockey League scoring champion, practiced Thursday for the first time since cutting short his initial comeback Nov. 7 after just four games. The Penguins said then he rushed his return from offseason back surgery and needed more rest and rehabilitation.

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At the Couples Resort

MIAMI — Recently my wife It is what the travel industry calls and I decided to put some an "all-inclusive" resort, which "zing" back into our marriage by going to a "couples only" resort. This is a popular new type of resort that does not allow you to bring your children, the theory being that it is difficult for you and your spousal unit to get into a romantic mood if one of you has to pause every 45 seconds to shout, "JASON! I TOLD YOU NOT TO SQUIRT SUN BLOCK INTO ASHLEY'S

The resort we went to is in St. Lucia, a small and lovely island nation way out in the Caribbean, not far from Grenada, which is the island that Ronald Reagan rescued from the Communist Menace. I am frankly amazed that the Communist Menace was a problem in that area, because to get there you have 10 spend all day scrunched up in various airplanes. I would have thought that by the time the Communist Menace finally arrived and located its luggage, all it would have wanted to do was lie down and enjoy a refreshing popular lo-cal beverage consisting of rum mixed with rum.

That's certainly what we wanted to do when we got to St. Lucia, hut we had to spend the first hour and a half riding in a small, couplefilled van from one end of the island to the other on the main road, which apparently also dou-hles as a strip mine. Technically, you're supposed to drive on the left-hand side in St. Lucia, but the drivers swerve all over the place to avoid the holes.

At one point - I am not making this np - our van was driving down the middle of the road, and oncoming traffic was passing us ON BOTH SIDES. This occurred when we were making our way through a traffic jam caused by the largest banana spill I have ever seen. (Bananas are the No. 1 industry in St. Lucia, followed by tourism and goats.) This was on a steep hill, where a massive load of bananas had slid off a truck, thus forming a tremendous natural defense in case the Communist Menace ever comes back to the area with tanks. ("Drive down that hill, comrade!" "O.K.! Here we

200000N000000 . . .") Eventually we got to our resort.

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means that you pay a flat amount of money per day, and the resort sets out large mounds of food, and you try to include it all in your body. "Hey, I PAID for this food," is what you are constantly telling yourself, to justify the fact that you are already mounding your plate with lunch even though you have not, technically, finished chewing your breakfast.

The food was served on a veranda next to a lovely palm-fringed beach, so at every meal we enjoyed a breathtaking view of various guys' armpits. I think there should be a "No Armpits" section. "No Armpits" section.

But getting back to our all-inclusive resort: For those brief interludes when we were not eating, we were encouraged to engage in a constant barrage of organized fun activities such as volleyball, water polo, sailing, hiking, sightseeing, windsurfing, snorkeling, scuba-div-ing, ball-hitting and bun-flexing. At night there were talent shows, newlywed games, group singing, movie-showing, limbo-dancing and of course more food-eating. This level of fun takes a physical toll. If you are a middle-aged person such as myself, hy the end of just one day, your marriage has about as much zing as a severely oversteamed carrot, if you get my drift.

To avoid total exhaustion, we left the compound, renting a car with 25,000 St. Lucian miles on it (equivalent to 4.3 million Earth miles). We drove to a village called Canaries, where we decided to stop, primarily because our route was blocked by a construction crew, probably con-structing new holes in the road. We got out, went into a local establishment and purchased some beers from a bartender who was maybe 10 years old. Nearby, three elderly people, two men and a woman, were sitting by the side of the road, passing a bottle around. The woman laughed, leaned back, and opened her mouth wide. "LUUUUVE," she sang, "is a MANY SPLENDORED

very relaxed, despite the fact that they were not, technically, on vacation. I'm not sure what their secret is, Maybe it's an all-inclusive village.

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

The Eloquent Emptiness of Eugène Atget

PARIS - More than 60 years after his death, Eugène Atget's photographs are honored, constantly rediscovered and always inviolate. The impression is of obdurate rectitude, both truthful and mysterious. The real thing, whatever the real

MARY BLUME

thing is. John Szarkowski, former director of photography at New York's Museum of Modern Art, has said that no other modern artist has so successfully withheld his life and intentions.

None of his letters survive, no pictures of Valentine Campagnon, with whom he lived for many years, no images of his home except for those he described, in a series on interiors, as the rooms of an artiste dramatique (he had, in fact, been an actor). Atget scholars have been forced for the most part to infer rather than to state.

Atget might have been only a minor fnotnote in photography had his work not appealed to the Surrealists (he lived down the street in Montparnasse from Man Ray). Upon Atget's death at the age of 70 in 1927, the American photographer Bere-nice Ahbort, who had met him the year before, bought the remaining contents of his studio and for the next 40 years made his work known through shows and publi-cations beginning with a 1930 monograph in which Pierre MacOrlan described Atget as the photographer of the elite populaire and added. This old man of the theater was impenetrable. In the first place because no one sought to understand either him or the profound value of his work."

In 1926, the Surrealists bought an Atget photograph of Parisians looking up at the 1912 eclipse and put it on the cover of La "les Dernières Conversions" (The Latest Conversions). Atget pocketed his fee but refused credit for his tarted-up work. "These are simply documents I make," he told Man Ray.

The word document is a loaded one

today but Atget was probably making the tography, made also by Matisse. "The photographer should register and give us documents," the painter said.

That is precisely what Atget did. His city scenes and landscapes are so eerily empty because he sold them to painters and set designers to serve as background: decorators such as Jansen bought his doorways, panels and shopfronts: the locksmith Bricard his door knockers. His interiors were bought by cartoonists, his views of old Paris by museums, libraries and such organizations as the Commission Municipale du Vieux Paris, which had



"Au Tambour," a 1908 photograph by Eugène Atget (reflected in the door).

been founded on the eve of excavations for the city's first subway.

The making, and in so far as it is possible the meaning, of these documents is studied in "Atget's Seven Albums" (Yale University Press), an examination by Molly Nesbit centered on seven albums produced between 1909 and 1913. It is a careful and intelligent study lumbered by the vocabulary of modern criticism - signifiers, reification and the Other, carried to extreme lengths in a description of market stalls ("The Other manifested itself in arrays of mangetouts and limp fish"),

Nesbit has meticulously studied Atget's repertoire or address book, 480 names of clients and subjects with careful crossreferences, all in a little black book that was among the effects Ahbott bought in 1927. From this a solid picture emerges of the photographer's activities and clients: He sold at least 16,748 pictures to state

Maria Morris Hambourg, a leading Atget authority, has already shown that he frequently lectured on French classical theater in the Universités Populaires. Neshit's investigations indicate strong left-

wing and pacifist sympathies. But he was not a union man and undercut competitors by selling his prints at half their price. For most of his life he was officially listed as an artiste dramatique, then as an editeur or publisher. His reason for not listing himself as a photographer, Neshit shows, was because he would then have had to pay an occupational tax of 40 francs a year while actors and publishers, as intellectuals, paid nothing.

Atget's attempts to publish his own book, "L'Art dans le vieux Paris," came to nothing because, Nesbit reasonably suggests, his captions were too inaccurate for his archivist clientele. What they wanted was a document, a record.

What he was documenting was a dying world: Already at the 1900 World's Fair the Vieux Paris commission found it necessary to erect a fake Vieux Paris. He was capturing buildings and architectural details threatened by destruction in a rapidly grow-ing Paris, small crafts that would soon disappear, such as the ragpickers whose curiously hierarchic trade attracted the attention of social scientists in the late 19th century and whose existence was threatened by the adoption of the public garbage can invented by the prefect Poubelle.

Atget's series on vehicles did not include motor cars — after all, they were all around to be seen — but concentrated on trucks. carriages, paddy wagons, all the unconsidered details of a changing world. He did not photograph modern monuments such as the Eaffel Tower or Garnier's Opera, nor did he take the middle classes, clergy, police or other symbols of undying authority. Part of the ghostliness of his work may come from his own awareness that he was fixing the fugitive in his points. In old age, he was a familiar Mompar-

nasse figure, knocking at artists' doors to sell them prints. Brassal, who met Atget in 1926, says he sold prints to Picasso and Braque and Utrillo, but they do not figure in his address book. When he finished a set of prints, Brassaī said, "Atget packed up the briefcase stuffed with albums and went off

on his rounds." Nesbit writes that as documents Atget's pictures were "willfully incomplete compositions that wanted filling: a starting point, a decor." The photographs, Walter Benjamin wrote of the 1930 monograph, "are not lonely but voiceless."

According to his concierge and his friend and executor, André Calmettes, Atget was tenacious, intransigent and even violent in expressing his views. The pictures are per-haps too calm. The best description of their effect is Walter Benjamin's:
"Not for nothing," he wrote, "were pic-

tures of Atget compare with those of the scene of a crime."

WEEKEND SKI REPORT

PEOPLE

Words Hurt You Too: Mickey Rourke Arrested

Mickey Rourke is a boxer as well as an actor, but he managed to get himself arrested without throwing a single punch. He was arrested out-side his club, Mickey's (slogan: "babes, bikes and more babes"), in the trendy South Beach area of Miami Beach and charged with resisting an officer without violence, a misdemeanor. The Miami Beach police department says Rourke screamed obscenities and epitheis during a brawl involving about 75 people that crupted outside the club and when ordered to leave, he refused. Rourke, out on bail, says he might see the police department.

By invitation only: Frank Sina-tra and Gene Kelly were among celebrities at a private memorial service in Los Angeles for the legendary Hollywood agent Irving Paul (Swifty) Lazar, The 150 guest list, drafted by Lazar himself, was almost as long as the celebrity roll Lazar represented at one time or another. Attendees also included Asjelica Huston, Angle Dickenson, Jackie Collins, Bette Midler, Maria Shriver, Waiter Matthan, Jack Lemmon and Don Rickles.

The actress Catherine Der won 100,000 francs (about \$17,000) in damages, plus interest, from the French show-biz gossip magazine. Voici, which had published candid photos of her without her consent. The magazine will also have to run an apology on its front page, according to Deneuve's lawyer.

BBC radio listeners have launched a campaign against the ar-rest of a character in "The Archers," the world's longes-running scap op-era, and petitioned the home scare-tary for a pardon. Listeners deluged the letters pages of newspapers after the character Susan Carter was jailed for harboring her brother, who was on the run from the police for armed robbery. "Her sentence should be commuted and she should be immediately released," said Jen-ny Webb, who began producing "Free Susan Carter Now" posters when the story was aired. .

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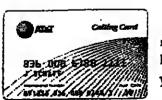


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